



SHOCK AT EXCLUSION OF PUPILS

Report by Richard Guttridge



Councillor Ian Cooper

DUDLEY has the joint highest rate of school pupil exclusions in the country, shocking new figures have revealed.

Nowhere else in the country has an exclusion rate higher than Dudley's. Eighty children were permanently excluded from schools in the Dudley borough during the 12-month period, equivalent to 0.18 per cent of the school population.

This could only be matched by Tameside in Manchester. The figure is eight times that of Wolverhampton, where only 10 children were permanently excluded during the same period, which is just 0.02 per cent of the school population.

The figures come just weeks after a damning inspection report at a Dudley primary school where the total of excluded pupils is 10 times the national average.

Across the region pupils were barred for assaulting adults and fellow students, threatening behaviour and for use of drugs and alcohol, but the most common reason was for persistent disruptive behaviour.

After Dudley, Walsall saw the next highest amount of exclusions in Black Country at 60 – 0.12 per cent of the school population.

There were 40 exclusions in Sandwell, which was equivalent to 0.08 per cent.

Attacks

In total, 750 pupils were permanently excluded from West Midlands schools.

In Dudley, five pupils physically assaulted adults while there were 17 attacks on pupils. Some 32 pupils were excluded for persistent disruption.

Woodside Primary School, in Highgate Road, Dudley, plunged into special measures in June after Ofsted inspectors witnessed pupils using physical violence against classmates – including children being kicked in the head and stomach.

Ian Cooper, cabinet member for children's services at Dudley Council, said: "We continue to work hard in partnership with all schools to further reduce school days lost to exclusion, both fixed term and permanent. Year on year there has been a decline in fixed term exclusions.

"We are committed to ensuring that all children and young people in Dudley get the best possible access to education.

"Whilst exclusions are sometimes necessary, both for the wellbeing of the student concerned and other students in the school, schools work hard at finding ways of supporting all young people to access learning."

The council said temporary exclusions at its schools were below the regional average.

U-turn urged on closure of village bank

A COUNCILLOR is urging Barclays to re-think its plans to close a branch in Lower Gornal after more than 270 people backed a petition.

The decision by Barclays to shut its premises in Zoar Street has angered many in the community.

Councillor Dave Branwood, who organised the petition, said if the closure goes ahead customers would have a four-mile round trip to the next nearest branch, which is in Sedgley.

He is urging bosses at Barclays to re-consider. He said: "This petition just goes to show how many local people rely on this branch and will find it difficult to travel to another.

"I have been working hard with traders and residents to make sure the village is as good as it can be and I really don't want to see the bank standing empty.

"We led a successful campaign to save the Post Office on the Straits and I don't see why the same can't be done here.

"Gornal has a bright future so I will be writing to the Chairman of Barclays Bank asking him to think again and I would encourage others to do the same."

Merry Hill centre value up by £11m

THE value of Merry Hill Shopping Centre has shot up by almost £11 million, its owners have confirmed.

Intu Properties, which owns half the complex, says the nine per cent rise is due to more valuable rents.

The Brierley Hill shopping complex rose in value from £434.8m at the end of December to £445.6m at the end of June.

Intu has plans to spend £65m on enhancing the centre, which is also owned by QIC. It spent £403.8m on buying 50 per cent of the centre, which has 214 shops and generates £22.6m annual income.

Chief executive David Fischel said retailers were responding positively to taking space in centres where change and investment are under way. He added: "We attract over 400 million customer visits a year and aim to provide them with a great experience which encourages them to come more often, stay for longer and spend more with our retailers."

The company owns and operates many of the UK's biggest and most popular retail destinations.

Meanwhile, Australian stationery firm Smiggle has opened at new store Merry Hill, creating 10 jobs.

Jurassic lark with dino on a driveway



Jake Pearson stood with his very own 9ft tall velociraptor perched proudly outside his home and personal private museum in Holly Hall, Dudley

Raptor just the start

MOST prefer flower pots but one Dudley pensioner has decided to display a nine-foot model velociraptor on the drive of his Holly Hall home.

The fibreglass dinosaur, as featured in the Jurassic Park movies, is just the latest curio in the collection of great-grandad Jake Pearson.

The 72-year-old has more than 1,000 wacky items, including a 10-foot bronze dolphins and a three-wheel Reliant Tipper truck, in his own personal collection.

Not satisfied with one raptor — which set him back £600 — he is looking to add more prehistoric monsters to his collection.

He said: "It's great having a dinosaur on the drive. Now I just want

more, it would be great to see a pterodactyl to go on the roof.

"My house is an Aladdin's Cave of quirky things I've collected. My grandchildren love coming round to see it all."

Mr Pearson, from Holly Hall, has spent thousands of pounds on the memorabilia collection he calls Jake's Private Museum.

He even had a 60-foot extension put on his house to accommodate all the items, of which the most expensive is a £2,500 Penny Farthing.

Mr Pearson, a former HGV driver who lives with his wife Eileen, added: "The house is absolutely rammed — there's not even room for a postage stamp on the wall."

DRUGS

£2m cannabis haul seized during July

THOUSANDS of cannabis plants worth almost £2 million were seized by West Midlands Police during July.

The Cannabis Disposal Team said 3,637 plants were seized and destroyed last month. The figures include 647 cannabis plants found when police swooped on Shenstone Industrial Estate in Halesowen on Friday morning.

One man was arrested and taken to Brierley Hill police station for questioning. It also follows the discovery of more than 1,300 cannabis plants in Willenhall last Wednesday.

BUSINESS

Company's workers will be on the move

HUNDREDS of workers are to be moved from the Black Country to a multi-million pound new headquarters to be built next to Birmingham Airport.

Construction and services group Interserve aims to bring together staff from its sites across the region at the new office block in 2018.

Around 1,200 people will move from offices at Dudley, West Bromwich, Erdington, Redditch and the company's RMD Kwikform business at Aldridge. No job losses are anticipated.

CARAVANS

Travellers return to park despite bollards

TRAVELLERS have moved back onto land in Halesowen.

Caravans returned to Hurst Green Park just weeks after a group was moved on.

Dudley Council said it was working with the police to try to remove them.

Their arrivals comes despite efforts to try to secure the site with bollards and by locking gates.

Travellers were last seen at Hurst Green Park in June.

Council spokeswoman Jessica Haines said: "We are aware of the current situation and are working with the police to try and remove them."

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Dealer caught with £100k of heroin



Drug dealer Elton Hoxha

A DRUG dealer has been jailed for nine years after police caught him in a car with £100,000 worth of heroin.

Elton Hoxha, 25, was found guilty of possession with intent to supply the Class A drug and money laundering following a trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Hoxha, of Wychbury Road, Stourbridge, was part of a drug dealing ring, the jury had heard.

On January 13, father-of-three Hoxha was a front seat passenger in the Vauxhall Corsa driven by Arber Zyba when it was pulled over by police. Faition

Duduci was in the back seat with 1kg of heroin in two packages next to him. Police officers stopped the car on Park Road, Lye, and arrested the trio.

Judge Martin Walsh said it was clear from mobile phone evidence that the network Hoxha was involved with was 'sophisticated' and he intended distribution of the heroin.

Hoxha had denied both charges.

Miss Samantha Powis, defending, said: "Mr Hoxha was not sitting with the drugs and didn't touch the drugs."

She added that there was no drug paraphernalia in his house.

When he was arrested, officers found £14,000 in cash at Hoxha's home.

Judge Walsh said: "Class A drugs destroy individuals' lives and blight communities. All those who cynically involve themselves must expect significant sentences."

Duduci, 22, of Vicarage Road, Lye, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply and money laundering. He will be sentenced later this year. Zyba, 28, of Holly Lane, Erdington, was found not guilty of possession with intent to supply.

More than £2m unpaid rent owed to council

COUNCIL house tenants in Dudley owe more than £2 million in unpaid rent.

Thousands of accounts are in arrears, Dudley Council says, and the total amount owed stands at £2,106,492.

At the end of June at total of 9,767 accounts were in arrears but the council said these included tenants that paid on a monthly basis by direct debit or standing order.

The amount owed is up on last year's figure. This time last year the bill was £1,405,690 with 5,435 accounts in arrears.

Bosses said although these accounts are technically in arrears they would not be taking any action unless they missed a payment. Reminder letters and text messages are sent to those owing rent. Phone calls and visits are also made by the housing team before legal action is taken.

The council says it will always work to reclaim debt but advice and help was available for those families struggling to pay their bills.

Council leader Pete Lowe said: "Where we do not receive payment, we will go to court to seek possession. This can result in eviction if no payment arrangement is made."

"We recognise that our tenants may be experiencing financial difficulty and will always try to support them to make payments, sustain their tenancy and clear arrears."

Fraud

Sixty council tenants were evicted between April 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014 after falling behind on payments.

In 2014/15, the council launched more than 460 investigations in 12 months and uncovered 164 cases of housing fraud. The authority also seized 60 properties after discovering tenants breaking the rules.

People were caught giving the wrong information on housing applications, unlawfully sub-letting their homes and not using their rented property as their main home.

In June, it emerged the council is owed £2.5 million in unpaid council tax from last year. Thousands of council tax accounts were not paid in full by the end of the 2014/15 financial year. But bosses say the authority has an excellent track record for clawing back money owed.

Tough pensioner took on burglar



Second World War veteran Tom Bull, aged 88, from Kingswinford, who fought off a burglar with his walking stick

"HE is a tough guy. He may be 88 but he is no shrinking violet."

These are the words of the proud granddaughter of a war veteran who fought off a burglar with his walking stick.

Tom Bull sent the raider packing after he forced his way into his Kingswinford bungalow.

His granddaughter Deborah Smith, who wants his attacker brought to justice, said he wouldn't hesitate to do it again.

The great-great grandfather

came across the burglar in his hallway after he was woken by a noise and went to investigate. The pair struggled and Mr Bull suffered cuts to his arms as he was restrained but he reached for his walking stick and hit the intruder over the head with it. The raider then fled empty-handed through a window.

Ms Smith, a 49-year-old pharmacist, said: "He was pretty distressed. He had been bleeding. He cut his arms in the scuffle because he has weak skin. He knows

it could have been much worse, but for his actions. He would do it again. He won't let himself be too scared to live in his own home. He is a tough guy. He may be 88 but he is no shrinking violet."

She added: "We need to prevent this sort of thing happening to another person, perhaps a small old lady."

Anyone with information should contact 101.

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Worker gets payout over serious leg injury agony

A WORKER who suffered a severe leg injury has won a payout from his former employer after they admitted breaching health and safety guidelines.

Labourer Glenn Lowe slipped on loose black paving when carrying a heavy kitchen unit, which fell onto his leg and left him badly injured.

Weeks later his symptoms worsened and he suffered from various infections. He was left in constant pain and has since been diagnosed with a chronic pain condition.

In June last year, more than a year after he received the injury in May 2013, he was dismissed from his job.

The 47-year-old then instructed specialist serious injury lawyers to investigate his case to see if his employers, Grelson Limited, based in Stourbridge, had breached health and safety guidelines.

Solicitors firm Irwin Mitchell have now secured him an undisclosed settlement from his former employer to help towards his ongoing rehabilitation.

Father-of-one Mr Lowe is now hoping to move to a bungalow due to his difficulties with mobility as a result of the accident.

He said: "This will be a huge help to my family and now with the ongoing medical care and access to rehabilitation services I can focus all my time and energy on my recovery. I have relied on my wife Penny and my daughter heavily since the accident and they have been absolutely fantastic."

Grelson Limited declined to comment.

New skills offer in courses for adults

WORKSHOPS and learning courses for adults will start in September in Dudley. Details are available in Dudley Council's latest adult learning brochure and on the council's website at www.dudley.gov.uk/adultlearn ing

The part-time courses take place in local community centres and include visual and performing arts, history and heritage, computers, healthy living, family learning, and languages, including sign language.

Courses are also available for people who want to catch up on basic skills such as reading, writing and maths as well as courses for people whose first language is not English.

For further information call (01384) 818143 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk/knowledge

Caravan destroyed in mystery blaze

A CARAVAN was destroyed when it went up in flames in Dudley. An out-building was also damaged in the blaze off Stourbridge Road on Thursday. Crews from Brierley Hill were called but the caravan was gutted by the mysterious fire, which started around 1pm.

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More than 450 thefts reported at care homes

MORE than 450 thefts were reported at care and nursing homes in the West Midlands during the last three years, new figures reveal.

Jewellery, cash and medication were among items stolen from residents, with the value of lost property totalling tens of thousands of pounds.

Despite the hundreds of incidents reported, investigations resulted in only 33 people being charged. Two were care home workers.

In total, 465 thefts were reported at care homes and nursing homes between January 2012 and June 2015.

Thieves' most popular item of choice were mobile phones but laptops, a credit card, a passport and a sat nav were also taken. The most expensive item stolen was a piece of jewellery worth £4,000.

But figures released by West Midlands Police showed that thefts from care and nursing homes had fallen.

Surprising

Dudley's Councillor Steve Waltho said the figures were surprising but added: "There are hundreds of care homes and hospitals across the Midlands and we don't know how these figures compare with the rest of the country. My mother is in a care home and I know how vigilant they try to be. It's also important to remember carers themselves are also victims."

Councillor Waltho said CCTV at care homes could help prevent thefts but it was also important residents were given privacy.

Help for carers is some of best

PEOPLE who look after relatives or friends in Dudley are the most satisfied in the West Midlands with the support they receive, according to figures.

Data from the Government's Health and Social Care Information Centre shows 48.8 per cent are either extremely or very satisfied with social care services – a figure above the national average of 41.5 per cent.

This places Dudley in the top 25 English councils in terms of carer satisfaction.

Adult social care boss Councillor Dave Branwood said: "We are very pleased to see that the support we offer to carers is valued and making a difference. However there is always more we can do."

Firm support for table tennis table

A DUDLEY company came to the rescue of sporty Age UK seniors by mending their table tennis table. ASD Metal Services, Peartree Lane, fixed the table's metal strut after it broke at Springboard Activity Centre.

Ring and Ride bus use is declining



Fewer use the Ring and Ride service

THE number of journeys made by the door-to-door Ring and Ride service has dropped by more than a quarter of a million.

Figures show the service for elderly and disabled people took 1,010,908 trips in 2014-15, compared with 1,286,418 the year before.

The service has been charging for trips since 2011 but bosses at transport authority Centro said declining use started before charges were introduced.

But a campaigner said she believed the £2 per journey charge at evenings

and weekends had played a key part. Pat O'Dowd of the Wolverhampton branch of the National Pensioners Convention said: "The charge for evenings and weekends is almost as much as the standard fare to go by bus, which pensioners get free with their passes."

"We have also been saying for a while that it is very difficult to get through to the call centre and book a time. It's not often possible to get the time you want. Ring and Ride is meant to be a door-to-door service and a lot of people need it to visit friends."

The service is aimed at people who cannot easily use conventional public transport.

Centro spokesman Mark Langford said: "Ring and Ride is an extremely popular door-to-door transport service for people who find it difficult or impossible to use conventional public transport, and while there is a long-term downward trend in its use this started before the introduction of the charge in 2011. In recent years conventional public transport has become much more accessible than before thanks to innovations."

Jumble sales to boost church restoration fund

A GROUP working towards the refurbishment and reopening of a Dudley church are opening a sale room in a former charity shop.

Members of St John's Church Preservation Group have decided to open the room following the decline in sales on their Dudley Market stall.

Money raised from the jumble sales will go towards the restoration of St John's Church in Kates Hill.

Deb Brownlee, group chairman, said: "We are opening the room a few hours a week at the moment because of our Dudley market stall takings being so far down."

"Even if people just pop by to see how we are getting on, they'll be able to see the church."

"We also will welcome any help with the refurbishment of the shop and urge people to get in touch."

"It is a backup plan in case things don't get better with the stall. Ultimately we want to raise money for the church."

Takings on the market stall had dropped from around £200 in 2010 to as low as £50 recently.

The future of the stall is currently under review by the group.

To make up the shortfall in takings they decided to open the St John's Church Preservation Group sale room in the former charity shop in Highview Street, Kates Hill.

Refurbishment

This is open for jumble sales and other fund-raising events.

Some interior refurbishment work has been done and the group would welcome offers of help with exterior refurbishment.

Group treasurer Keith Jeffries has been overseeing the development of the sale room.

There have been questions over the future of St John's Church in Kates Hill since 2002, when it was closed for safety reasons after structural problems were identified.

However, more recent surveys have found that the church is in a better condition than originally thought.

Members want to keep the 173-year-old church building, which is described as 'a virtually intact Victorian church', as unaltered as possible, but will restore some old features.

To offer help email savestjohnchurch@hotmail.co.uk or contact Mr Jeffries on 07522184461.



Yobs caught on camera – an image captured by the 69-year-old victim after he was attacked by motorbike thugs in Dudley's Priory Park

Reward is offered to catch pair of thieves

A REWARD has been offered to help catch two yobs who tried to steal an amateur photographer's camera, causing him to suffer a heart attack.

The 69-year-old victim was taking pictures of flowers in Dudley's Priory Park when the robbery attempt was made by two men on a stolen motorbike.

The victim, who regularly walks through the park, had a pre-existing heart condition and the shock of the robbery attempt brought on an immediate attack.

The Friends of Priory Park group has been so disgusted by the incident that members want to help find the assailants by offering a £100 reward for information leading to a conviction.

Chairman Mariann Harris said she was horrified by what had happened in the normally peaceful park. The reward money has been raised through the sale of refreshments in the park.

The attackers men were on a red scrambler-type bike with false registration plates.

Call Dudley CID on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Crowds gather as charity shop opens

A QUEUE of more than 100 shopped snaked through Dudley town centre on Friday for the opening of a charity shop.

The Mary Stevens Hospice shop has opened in the former WH Smith building in High Street.

Managing director Simon Henwood said: "It was an unusually high turn out. There was a lot of interest."

The grand opening at 11am was attended by Mayor of Dudley Councillor Steve Waltho and the crowds were entertained by Black Country comedy troupe The Fizzogs.

Two new roads are given names

A ROAD linking three of Dudley's biggest tourist attractions will be named Discovery Way.

The new route runs from Tipton Road to a shared car park on land between Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust.

Another road leading to the zoo's new entrance will be named Zoological Drive.

The development is part of a £10million plan to regenerate the Castle Hill area and improve access between the attractions.

Get information on foster caring

PEOPLE interested in becoming foster carers are being urged to attend information sessions.

Dudley Council's fostering service is looking for new carers to provide homes for children in the borough.

Fostering Friday drop-in session take place every Friday from 1pm to 4pm at Flipside House, Stourbridge Road, Brierley Hill.

Call the fostering service on (01384) 815833 for more information.

Private bar in shed was destroyed by fire

A FIRE completely destroyed a shed that was being used as a private bar at a home in Pensnett.

Firefighters were called to the property in Commenside at 3am on Saturday to tackle a blaze in two wooden structures in the back garden of the property.

Crews from Brierley Hill and Dudley attended the incident and used two hose reels to put out the fire. Firefighters left the scene just after 5am.

Road delay warning

MOTORISTS have been warned to expect delays on a main route into Stourbridge due to gas pipe work.

National Grid will be carrying out works on Hagley Road, near its junction with Birmingham Road. The work will begin tomorrow (Friday) and is expected to last for four days.

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WHAT is it with all these beards? The fashion for facial fungus is infesting the upper lips and chins of young men everywhere. Are beards the new tattoos?

THERE is a theory that beards become fashionable at times when men feel threatened by women or by change in general. They were almost compulsory in Victorian England when there was a woman on the throne and the rise of business corporations made individuals feel less important. Perhaps the rise of feminism accounts for today's crop of beards. Unless, of course, beard-wearers are part of that generation which has gone to university but learned very little and is now eager to appear intellectual. A beard may suggest brainpower where there is actually none. As the critic A A Gill put it perfectly: "I've never been convinced that facial hair is an alternative to thought."

THE Lord Sewel coke 'n' hookers scandal has inevitably brought calls for the House of Lords in all its portly, ermine-trimmed magnificence, to be reduced, reformed or possibly dynamited. It ain't going to happen. There are only two organisations that could vote the Lords out of existence. The first is the Lords themselves, which would be like turkeys voting for Christmas, but with extra stuffing. The second is the House of Commons. But Members of Parliament regard the Lords as a delightful place to spend their post-MP years, so they are hardly going to get rid of the best club in town, are they?



"I HOPE my decision will limit and help repair the damage I have done to an institution I hold dear," declares Lord Sewel's resignation statement. The institution in question appears to be the House of Lords. Not marriage, then?

MICHAEL Gambon admits he tried to seduce Joanne Whalley while they were starring in The Singing Detective back in 1986. He was almost twice her age and admits he "got nowhere". Which must come as a relief to millions. Miss Whalley played the 22-year-old nurse in the BBC musical drama and I seem to recall we were all in love with her.

FROM custard pies to banana skins, the oldest and most reliable form of humour is the one based on somebody else's misfortune. If you doubt that, catch the new TV advert for Dreams beds which begins with some sleepy-headed bloke getting a tennis ball smack in the kisser. I challenge you not to laugh.

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Prints on wine bottle led to arrest

A BURGLAR'S weakness for wine has landed him back behind bars. Shaun Mitton stuck twice in an Ambleside street, burgling buildings on either side of the road. The 33-year-old first targeted an address left empty while the occupant was away. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. He escaped with four passports and £200 worth of clothing from the property in High Street on September 11, said Mr Kevin Jones, prosecuting. Then Mitton slipped through a conservatory window left open for the family cat at a bungalow opposite as the family slept. He searched everywhere except the bedrooms and took £60 cash, a computer, ID card and household ornaments, at least one of which was of high sentimental value.

Police in Stourbridge found one of the stolen passports weeks later and traced it back to the address. The scene was the same because the owner was still away and fingerprints on a half drunk bottle of wine matched those of Mitton, who was found and arrested. A cigarette butt on a window ledge at the other burgled property has his DNA on it.

Mr Jasvir Mann, defending, said: "He was in the grip of drug addiction and, at the time, was homeless after being evicted from his flat for rent arrears. That is why he consumed food and drink on the premises." Mitton, of Halesowen Road, Dudley, who had previous convictions for 80 offences, admitted the burglaries and was jailed for two years by Judge Stephen Eyre QC.

Homes plan for derelict Legion HQ in village

A FORMER Royal British Legion building in Kinver, which has become a target for vandals since closing, could be demolished to make way for new homes in the village. The Kinver branch of the Legion was based in High Street until 2007. The building has become an eyesore having fallen into disrepair and being subject to vandalism. Now a developer has come forward with a plan to build six homes on the site. Councillors have welcomed the development and say they hope the plans will tidy the site. Kinver councillor and Royal British Legion committee member Henry Williams is hopeful the development will come to fruition after previous proposals to convert the building into offices and a play centre failed to go ahead. Kinver Parish Council has given the latest plans their approval and the scheme will come before South Staffordshire Council on August 18. Councillor Williams said: "This is about the sixth planning application that has gone through and the sooner anything gets done with it the better." The Kinver branch of the Royal British Legion was forced to abandon its home when it was no longer deemed to be viable and ow meet at the Kinver Constitutional Club. Brian Edwards, who represents Kinver on South Staffordshire Council, agreed that it was time for something to be done with the site.

Park looks tea-rrific as cafe opens doors

Report by David Cosgrove

THE £3.1 million revamp of Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Park is pressing ahead with the iconic gates restored and a new cafe opening.

The coffee shop, which replaces a former print room building, adds another feature to encourage families to visit the park. The Grade II-listed gates were first put up in 1931 after the park was dedicated to the people of Stourbridge by Ernest Stevens in memory of his wife, Mary, who died in 1925. They were originally modelled on the gates to Buckingham Palace. The renovation work involved the first time they had been removed from the park. At the opening of the new cafe, Deputy Mayor of Dudley Councillor Mohammed Hanif said: "The gates look stunning and the cafe is fantastic. The park needs these things to move forward. Stourbridge MP Margot James paid tribute to the "indefatigable work" of Councillor Heather Rogers, chairman of the Friends of Mary Stevens Park group and to the generosity of original benefactor Mr Stevens.

Bandstand

Mrs James said: "One of the things that first struck me about my constituency when I moved here was the number of green spaces. It's unusual to have so many parks in an urban area, and all of that is down to one man – Ernest Stevens. To my mind he is one of the greatest philanthropists of our century." Other work taking place includes repairs to the bandstand, the restoration of the war memorial and improvements at Heath Pool. The project has received cash from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund. Adam Creedy Smith, great-grandson of Ernest Stevens, unveiled photos of his great-grandfather and great-grandmother which will hang in the coffee shop.



At the new cafe, from right, Councillor Heather Rogers, Adam Creedy Smith, Deputy Mayoress Zabeda Khanam, Deputy Mayor Councillor Mohammed Hanif, Margot James MP and Councillor Hilary Bills



Work has started on the park's famous bandstand



Volunteer Evie Davenport with a picture of Ernest Stevens

Tributes sing for mayor's charities

SINGERS including tribute acts will be performing at a special fundraiser in aid of the Mayor of Dudley's charities. Six musical acts will be performing at Parkes Hall Social club in Dudley, including an Elvis Presley tribute and much more. Tony Gold will host the event on Thursday, August 27, from 8pm. Councillor Steve Waltho, Mayor of Dudley, said: "This is shaping up to be a fantastic night out for people of all ages with great musical performances on offer. The charities to benefit from this event are all worthy causes and I encourage everyone to come along and show their support." Tickets cost £2.50 each and are available from the club or Sue Randall on 07412 531924.

Brass band and choir in fundraising concert

JACKFIELD (Elcock Reisen) Brass Band will be performing with Penn Singers at Dudley Town Hall on October 10 at 7.30pm. Proceeds of the concert will be shared between two hospices. Tickets can be booked on 01902 652992.

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Choirs sing in aid of hospice at top venue

CHOIRS will take to the stage at Birmingham Symphony Hall to raise funds for Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice.

Got 2 Sing choirs will perform their Best of British show at the venue on September 20. Singers from across the Midlands will be covering songs by Adele, Queen, Take That, The Beatles, Elton John and many more successful homegrown artists led by director Beth Dunn.

The hospice's special events manager Charlotte Schofield said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for the hospice to partner with such a successful and talented group of local people.

"As soon as Beth approached me I knew the show would be a huge success and a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the Hospice raising vital funds to support patient care as well as their families.

Success

"The event is a fantastic addition to our fundraising calendar."

Beth added: "If it is anything like our last performance at the Symphony Hall it will be a wonderful concert. So much hard work has been put in all round and it has been a delight working with Mary Stevens Hospice.

"I hope the evening proves to be a resounding success, not just for the choir but for the hospice fundraising team too."

Tickets for the concert cost £20 for adults and £16 for under-16s. They are available from the www.thsh.co.uk website.

Homes approved despite objections

HOMES are set to be built on a stretch of vacant land in Dudley after the green light was given to a planning application.

Plans for six homes on a site off Caroline Street, Kates Hill, have been given the go-ahead, despite dozens of residents registering their objections.

More than 60 people had written to Dudley Council to raise concerns about the proposals for the new homes.

They were worried about of the height of the properties, access to the site and the potential for disturbance.

But planning officers supported the scheme saying the latest application only related to the landscaping of the site, which was the only outstanding issue left to be considered.

Mad Hatter bash whips up £250

THE Jolly Crispin pub in Upper Gornal raised £250 for Macmillan Cancer Support nurses during events including a Mad Hatter's Tea Party. On Black Country Day licensee Rob Carey served up traditional grub.

Monkey magic as macaque gives birth



The macaque family at Dudley Zoo

THERE'S been some monkey business at Dudley Zoo in the form of a new arrival who was born in front of delighted visitors.

The macaque monkey was born to proud parents Jasmine and Simon show who are pictured showing off their bundle of joy.

Dudley Zoo member Kathryn Willett snapped the family portrait of the trio. The baby is yet to be named.

Zoo bosses said the birth took place in a wooden shelter, with some visitors able to witness it.

Director, Derek Grove, said: "This is a stunning picture of mum, dad and the new baby. It's rare to get good photos of them all together as the mother usually keeps the baby hidden away at first.

"It just shows how comfortable the macaques are with our visitors as the birth took place in their wooden shelter, rather than mum moving to a more private area.

"Some visitors managed to witness the birth itself which is absolutely amazing and we are thrilled with the news."

The Sulawesi crested macaque, also

known as the Celebes macaque, is an old world monkey that lives on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi.

The pink-bottomed, punk-haired animals are the most endangered of the seven macaque species, listed as critically endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature list.

Dudley Zoo's Head of Upper Primates, Pat Stevens, said: "The baby is doing great. It is healthy and clinging on really well to mum. We won't be able to determine its sex for a little while."

Jobs on the way as £3m canal centre takes shape

JOBS will be created at a £3 million education centre at Dudley Canal Trust, which is due to open later this year.

The attraction will be recruiting for around a dozen roles, many in the new cafe and restaurant at the forthcoming attraction.

Building work continues throughout the summer and is on schedule to be completed in the autumn.

Chief executive of Dudley Canal Trust Trips Ltd Nick Morris said: "We are thrilled to be able to contribute so positively to the local economy. As well as creating new jobs we look forward to doing our bit for tourism in the area with this fantastic new facility."

The Portal, on Todd's End off the Birmingham New Road, will tell visitors about the Black Country's industrial past with exhibits inside a two-storey building. The top floor will provide a direct access from the boat trips car park.

Officials are planning an interactive exhibition in the Biffa Award gallery and people will be able to dine in the new restaurant.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy a drink on the balcony overlooking the canal, take part in workshops in the learning space or hold functions at the centre.

It is hoped the new education centre will draw tourists from across the country, adding to the borough's attractions which already include the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Zoo nearby.

Buzz

Mr Morris said: "The Portal is creating a huge buzz right now. Staff, volunteers and visitors are all excited about what's coming and you can see why. It's a huge step forward for us in what we can offer our visitors and the local community."

Plans for The Portal were first announced by Dudley Canal Trust around three years ago. Speaking at the time Mr Morris said: "Our underground experience is a unique attraction, and we are looking forward to having a building for our visitors that does it justice."

It has been supported by grants from organisations including Heritage Lottery Fund, European Regional Development Fund, Black Country Local Area Partnership and Biffa Award.

While around £30,000 was received in public donations to help fund the ambitious project

Boat trips into the limestone mines are continuing as normal whilst the construction work is going on.

In June a new swing bridge was installed to link the attraction with the Black Country Living Museum on the other side of the canal. It will also im-



The Portal, the new education and visitor centre for Dudley Canal Trust, will be recruiting staff

prove access for those visitors who have mobility issues.

Sarah Fellows, heritage activities officer at the Dudley Canal Trust, said: "Everything went smoothly in terms of getting the bridge in. It certainly drew a lot of attention from our customers.

"The bridge is going to provide level access for the first time across the canal."

Both the centre and the bridge are due to open in the autumn.

The work coincides with the £10million revamp of Castle Hill helping to link the tunnels, Dudley Zoo and Castle and the Black Country Living Museum.

Mrs Fellows added: "The bridge means that people who have pushchairs with them or are in

a wheelchair, or perhaps because they are elderly, can get from one site to another which is great for everyone.

"It means visitors can get from the Black Country Living museum to us and from us to the Black Country Living Museum and board boats on both sides and explore both sides."

Around 80,000 people visit the famous network of limestone canal tunnels under Dudley annually to discover more about the mines and the world-renowned fossils.

The tunnel and limestone mines form part of a Scheduled Ancient Monument. At the height of the Industrial Revolution, up to 20,000 tons of limestone were removed by boats each year for use as flux in local blast furnaces.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Beer festival boost for air ambulance

THE Midlands Air Ambulance has been chosen as the charity to benefit from the Black Country Beer Festival being staged in Lye later this month.

The three-day event is being hosted by Lye Cricket Club in Stourbridge Road from August 13 to 15.

Admission will be £10, which includes a festival glass and £5 of beer tokens.

All donated unused tokens will go to the air ambulance.

There will be 74 real ales on offer. There will also be 29 ciders and perries to try.

Friends hear talk on Magna Carta

THERE will be a talk on the Magna Carta, one of the foundations of democracy, at the next meeting of the Friends of the Dudley Archives and Local History Centre.

Bob Bennett, one of archivists, is guest speaker at the centre in Tipton Road on September 3 at 7.30pm.

Admission is free for members and £2 for visitors.

Have a say with those in charge

RESIDENTS have been invited to speak directly to the people in charge of community safety.

A 'have your say' event organised by Safe and Sound, Dudley's Community Safety Partnership, takes place on September 24 at Brierley Hill Civic Hall from 6.30pm to 9pm. Residents can meet and ask questions of senior officers and decision-makers from police, council and fire service. To book a place email community.safety@dudley.gov.uk or call (01384) 814735.

Plans to transform community hospital

EXTRA health clinics, refurbished gym and therapy areas and extra parking spaces will be created as part of a £2 million transformation of Rowley Regis Hospital.

Detailed plans are now being drawn up following a consultation with patients and staff. Work is set to be completed by Easter next year.

Project manager Paul Scott said: "We have a great facility here and we want to see it as a vibrant, healthcare hub for the community."

Sounds of the valleys

A WELSH male voice choir is visiting Dudley for a concert compered by Susie Riddell of Radio 4's The Archers.

Morrison Orpheus Choir will team up with Kingswinford's Gentlemen Songsters at Dudley Town Hall on September 19 from 7.30pm. Tickets are £15, call 01746 963850.



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Pubs losing out as big companies set up shop

WHEN John Pickup saved his local pub near Bridgnorth, he had a simple rationale for his efforts: "If we didn't do something, we would have ceased to be a village, we would have become just a collection of houses."

Our community pubs are the fabric of British society, the glue that binds our towns and villages together.

And according to the Campaign for Real Ale, pubs in the West Midlands are still closing at the rate of around six a week.

Now I'm not one of those diehards who believe it is a tragedy whenever a pub shuts its doors.

Let's be honest, while we may have lost many excellent pubs over the past 10 year or so, we have also lost some pretty dreadful ones.

You know the sort I mean, the non-descript boozers, often staffed by a succession of short-term managers, the sort that specialise in stale cobs, bland lager, and an occasional knuckle sandwich just after last orders. Should we really mourn their passing?

But the sad thing is that, as the economy picks up, it is not just the failing pubs which are under threat, but the thriving, popular ones too.

The Seven Stars in Sedgley and the Hasbury Inn in Halesowen are both popular, well-frequented pubs in pleasant, close-knit communities.

They are not at risk of closure because they struggle to pull in the punters, but simply because the sites they occupy are more valuable to the supermarket giants.

The battle over the Seven Stars seems to have been rumbling on for years. The local authority refused planning permission, so the Morrison's simply got the decision overturned by Whitehall, just 10 years after being told to relinquish its supermarket in the village centre by the Monopolies Commission.

So much for localism and devolution.

And there will then be tough times indeed for the long-established independent convenience stores in the two neighbouring roads. Look, I'm all for free enterprise, but something isn't working when thriving small businesses are just brushed aside like this.

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Clare Embleton has had to have metal plates inserted into her face after chewing gum for seven hours a day wore her jaw out.

Alex Ferguson seems to have got off lightly, doesn't he?

■ ■ ■

AMERICAN dentist Walter Palmer seems to have united the world in disgust over his cowardly slaughter of Cecil, the much-loved lion on Zimbabwe.

Just as well no other barbaric brutality goes on in that country, isn't it?



Meet the boss — Dudley Zoo's Derek Grove, of Stourbridge



Cerys, Sam, Derek, David and Lynne Grove all worked at the zoo



At the controls — David Grove driving the zoo train in 2000

Running the zoo is a family affair for boss

Dudley Zoological Gardens are practically a family business for the attraction's new director, **CLARE BUTLER** reports

HE has taken over the running of one of the Black Country's most popular attractions at a crucial point in its history.

And Dudley Zoo's new director Derek Grove says he wants to keep up the rapid pace of change at the site, which has seen visitor numbers rocket in recent years.

The zoo is undergoing a huge transformation with new buildings, a joint entrance with the neighbouring Black Country Living Museum and a new visitor centre.

Mr Grove took over from former chief executive Peter Suddock, who stepped down from the role 'by mutual agreement' in April, following suspension amid an investigation into his conduct.

Mr Grove, aged 52, said: "Over the coming years it is important that the zoo continues to change at a similar pace like it has done."

Conservation

He wants to bring in more exhibitions and expand the range of animals – while also focusing on conservation.

Mr Grove originally started at the zoo in 1980 as a keeper, working his way through the ranks to head curator in his last role.

He said: "I always wanted to improve the zoo and the level of animal care."

"Animal care is always at the forefront of our decisions and we are working towards improving what we can do for them."

"It's about making it a more interesting visitor experience and bringing in more exhibitions too."

After a steep decline in visitor numbers during the 1980s and '90s, numbers have steadily risen on the up growing at five per cent per year over the last ten years.

Mr Grove intends his past experience and passion for the animals will also allow him to



Surprise — The Grove family are joined by a photo-bombing lemur at Dudley Zoo

create a powerful force for wildlife conservation.

He said: "Pushing into more conservation is all within our zoo ethos, we want to develop every possible aspect. One of my favourite times spent here over the years has been working alongside the elephants – which I did for 18 years."

"I went over to France with them in 2003 to an elephant safari park and that was one of the last times I then worked with the animals before becoming curator."

"I stayed with them for a few weeks to help them acclimatise and to introduce them to their new carers."

"Being in a senior position has allowed me to be able to bring about change and most importantly change for the animals."

But his new position as director will also continue to add to the Grove family links at

the zoo – his wife, two children and father have also worked there over the past 35 years, making it a real family affair.

Mr Grove said: "I started as a trainee keeper in 1980. Before that I was a heating engineer. I actually came here to do a heating job in the hippo house and I stood and watched some keepers breaking ice on the moat."

"I thought 'I would like to do that' but it probably was a bit of a shock when on an ice cold morning you find yourself really doing it – maybe it wasn't as fun as it looked then."

"I've always loved my job and the animals and I have been lucky to be able to play a vital part in their wellbeing over the years."

Growing up with their father at the zoo, Mr Grove's two children, Cerys and Sam, were more than likely to follow in his footsteps.

Cerys, now 25, started working in a seasonal job at the zoo in 2006 after leaving school.

Not before long she was signed up as a student zoo keeper but has since left to pursue other ventures including owning her own pub in Swindon.

However, Sam, aged 22, has continued to work at the zoo, recently being promoted to senior keeper. He said he could even see his own children working at the zoo in the future.

He said: "When I was at school everyone loved the fact dad worked at the zoo. It was something different."

"I started working here in 2009. I left college as I felt it wasn't really for me as they encourage you to go down a normal route of getting a trade."

"I work with the primates, apes and reptiles, but I've got to say my favourite animal would be the baby orangutan Sprout."

Stepmother Lynne also works at the zoo but in a less animal-orientated role.

Mrs Grove, 57, was promoted to office manager this year, after previously working as PA to the chief executive at the zoo since 2000.

Santa

She insisted that despite loving the animals she would not be inclined to follow family footsteps and work with them.

Lastly, David Grove, Derek's father, completes the Dudley Zoo famous five.

Mr Grove, 79, only started work at the zoo after finishing his previous job at 61.

He said: "My wife said I didn't need a job but I was looking for something to do again and the role as train driver for one day a week came up at the zoo."

"After working on the train, I was approached to work as Santa too, so I had some varied roles. I was a bit of handyman. I would come in a couple of days a week and eventually knocked it down to a couple of times a month, before finishing fully a couple of years ago."

The Groves, who are from Stourbridge, say that as well as working together they still remain a close knit family, meeting up on weekends.

Dudley Zoological Gardens, on Castle Hill, opened in 1937 and covers an area of approximately 40 acres, and is home to more than 1,300 animals. It is open from 10am with last admission at 4pm and features a range of activities through the summer season.

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They decided in their infinite wisdom to cut funding to the council, thus putting me out of a job. Now at the age of 54 and applying for thousands of jobs over three years, after 'doing the right thing', I am now living with my wife on virtually fresh air. We eat mainly bread, beans and potatoes, and other items we beg off relatives.

I even pay council tax out of our £50 off the state. Last winter we nearly died of hypothermia due to not having money to keep warm. I have even applied for sweeping up and toilet cleaning jobs. But unfortunately I was informed I did not have enough experience in this field.

So from once being an assistant furniture manager at Woolworths and having a trade, which makes no difference now, and as my age is a barrier, I would like to ask our MPs: where are the 'jobs for everyone'?

While Dave is sipping Champagne

and feasting on pheasant, I would like to ask him to come and live like us for a month. Preferably in the winter, so he can help scrape the ice off the windows of our un-insulated home.

I have worked all my life, have good references, and all I want to do is put food on the table.

If I pass away this winter from hypothermia I have instructed my family to inscribe on my gravestone 'Passed away due to Conservative cuts' and I am an ex-Conservative voter.

C LLOYD
Dudley

Identity lost in the name of progress

FOLLOWING the recent calls to celebrate Staffordshire Day next year, I wish I could, if only the county had not been dismembered by a government in 1966.

I was born in Bilston in the county of Staffordshire, on March 10, 1939. The Black Country was the power house of South Staffordshire.

All the Black Country towns of South Staffs could have had a real celebration with North Staffs, except Dudley which at that time was in the county of Worcestershire. It was an island in Staffordshire.

Let's not forget Staffordshire was the centre of the 'Kingdom of Mercia' in the seventh century.

This is what happens when the people of the country vote in people to look after you. They destroy your identity for their own selfish ends. They call it progress. Progress for whom? Not the people.

B LAWLEY
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Let them swim to Cloud Cuckoo Land

I feel that one of the worst engineering projects in Britain was the building of the Channel Tunnel. I think this country was far better when we were an island and people would have had to swim to get here.

I would like to ask George Osborne what sense does it make to make so many people redundant, when they will draw unemployment pay, instead of paying tax?

This includes police, firefighters, who are necessary, when 800 peers who are mainly redundant politicians can claim £150 to £300 per day just for going to the House of Lords. Are they necessary?

Why are we sending £250 billion to India over the next four years, apart from the millions we have already sent, and their finance minister says they don't need the 'peanut' money from Britain, when they have spent £250m to send a rocket to the moon. They also apparently spent millions of pounds to send aid to Nepal after their earthquake. Surely this money would be better used to pay off some of our debts. Or used for the NHS.

We seem to be using the economics of 'Cloud Cuckoo Land'.

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West Mids Federation

THE West Midlands Federation held their annual quiz night at Stourbridge Football Club on June 1.

There were 12 teams each consisting of four guild members per table taking part. The quizmaster was Russ Johnson.

Jean Williams was given a vote of thanks on behalf of members by chairman Margaret Tew for organising the event. Sedgley (E) Guild came first, followed by King'swinford and Wollaston and Oldswinford in joint third. Prizes were awarded to Sedgley and Kingswinford.

On June 10 Federation committee member Sandra Matchett attended as a delegate the National AGM at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. She proudly carried the Federation Banner. Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal attended.

The next event was a day at the races on June 24. This consisted of five jockeys per race frantically winding string around a wooden hand held post in order to pull the wooden horses along the floor. If the horse fell it was disqualified. Bookie Ray 'honest' Hartshorne did an excellent job and most members had winners. Everyone enjoyed a fish and chip lunch.

The afternoon continued with the winners of the four races competing in a grand final, won by Elaine Rowley (Hawne TG) who was awarded a pot plant. There was a prize for the prettiest hat and the quirkier, presented by Sheila Baker, an invited guest from the Executive Council.

Stroll around town for lesson in history



The large gathering taking part in the guided historical walk of the town
Amblecote History Society

AROUND 60 people, society members and visitors alike, assembled beneath the town clock for a free guided stroll in the historic market town.

Dr Paul Collins, founder member of 102.5 The Bridge radio station, King Edward VI student and enthusiastic local historian with a strong passion for Stourbridge was introduced by Mike Perkins before the unexpectedly large gathering began the guided tour from the subway area at the bottom of Lower High Street.

They were joined, from Cincinnati, Ohio, by visitors Pam, originally from Quinton, and Martin who were visiting family in Pedmore and wanted to know more about

the history of Stourbridge. Dr Collins explained the boundary between Amblecote and Stourbridge and was incessant in pointing out building details, and reflecting on various retail outlets of yesteryear, while describing the many buildings of interest and the stories they have held. The tour ended on High Street near Bordeaux House.

The next indoor meeting is on Wednesday September 9 at 7.30pm in The Lehr Theatre at the Ruskin Centre with John Sperry talking about being a Time Traveller.

The humour of retirement

JULY'S meeting began with a talk on Humour in Retirement by David Berry.

He provided an hour of laughter and pathos. He likened retirees as recycled teenagers - unable to get up in the mornings and doing very little in the day.

Members were informed that they needed to learn about biological changes in

MyTime Over Fifties

the ageing body and were given a long list - some of which they could relate to.

Retirement was once defined as the moving from work to doing nothing, but now is regarded as a new and exciting time. In between these serious ob-

servations, the ladies were regaled with many a joke or poem.

MyTime meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Amblecote Room at Stourbridge Town Hall.

The next one is on August 26 when Penny Wheat will talk about writing to prisoners.

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Lots of gnomes at home in arboretum



Organiser Davy Turner of Kingswinford blends in with the gnomes hidden among the foliage at Bodenham Arboretum

CHEEKY-FACED gnomes have returned to Bodenham Arboretum near Kidderminster and they have increased in number.

Hidden among the 3,000 trees and shrubs are 30 gnomes for people to discover, including Woodland Wilf, Jacko and a lady gnome called Lady Jodi.

The BodenGnomes event will run through the summer and there will also be gnomes and other items featuring their cheeky faces on sale.

Davy Turner, aged 60, from Kingswinford, who is the organiser and founder of the Friends of the BodenGnomes group, said: "We started this

four years ago to raise funds for the Children in Need Appeal.

"I was among more than 400 people who dressed up as a gnome to take part in an event at Malvern to gain entry to the Guinness Book of Records and I suggested to the owners of the Arboretum that we could start off a fun event to raise further funds.

Donations

"Now the event is in its fourth year and we will again be hoping for donations towards the Children in Need Appeal. This year we have colouring charts for the children and they will

be able to search for 30 gnomes. Some have letters attached so that they make up a word. This year we also have a big cut-out so that people can take their own pictures and pretend to be a BodenGnome.

"We are hoping to raise more than ever and hope that visitors to the Arboretum will have fun trying to find the hidden gnomes. We have new gnomes for children to find including an Irish Leprechaun."

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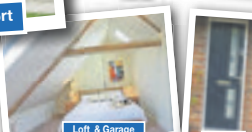
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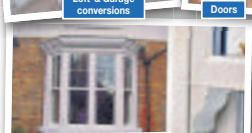


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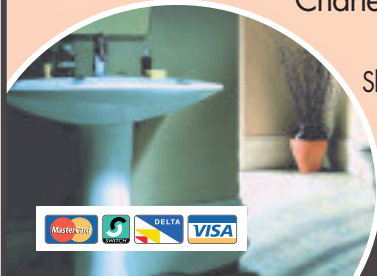
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Simples — meerkat selfie for art contest



Because I'm snappy — this mischievous meerkat gets to grips with an old camera at West Midlands Safari Park

ANIMALS at West Midlands Safari Park were given the old cameras to explore as part of a launch of a new competition.

The park is giving visitors the chance to capture the cutest animals.

The attraction is launching a search for Safari Photographer of the Year and Safari Artist of the Year.

It says it will display the best images from the park, and are especially looking for cute or funny images. There are also special categories for children.

Competition organiser and judge Caroline Richards said: "This is the first time that we have organised this

kind of competition. In the past we have encouraged visitors to send us their best photo entries for our annual calendar competition. Last year alone saw well more than 700 entries.

Creative

"There are some incredibly talented people around and we are sure that it gives us as much pleasure to judge as it gives people the pleasure to enter."

"We are in mid-summer, which seems to bring out the very best creative side in visitors."

"We feel sure that we will be happily inundated with entries for both com-

petitions during the next few months."

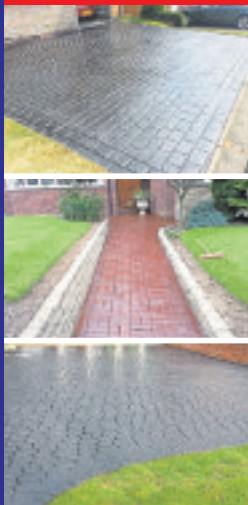
The competitions are free to enter.

All of the photo entries need to have been taken at West Midlands Safari Park during 2014 or 2015 and art entries must be of an animal that is part of the wildlife collection at the park near Bewdley.

The works of art selected by the judges will also be included in an exhibition being held at West Midlands Safari Park in the new year.

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Network helping people in Kates Hill is facing closure

A STRUGGLING community centre is to close after more than 25 years with 30 staff set to lose their jobs.

Bosses at the St Thomas's Community Network in Kates Hill — which includes a nursery and youth club — say a lack of funding has forced their reluctant decision.

A campaign group has been set up on Facebook in a last-ditch effort to try to save the much-loved centre in Beechwood Road. It is due to close on September 30.

Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Steve Walthero, who is chairman of the board of trustees at the network, said: "The centre is a standalone organisation and although we have received a grant from the council in the past that finished in 2010, it was cut. From then really we have been struggling. We have been fighting and scrambling around for the last

two years but it has now become unviable.

"The centre benefits hundreds of people and that is just the adult learning courses that we do. All that will stop.

"Dudley Council is being very supportive and we are working with them to see what services and jobs can be salvaged."

The network was set up 26 years ago. It provides training in English, ICT and computer art and employs a total of 30 full and part-time staff.

A second-hand furniture store also operates from the site. Its halls, two of which were refurbished last year, can be hired.

Local Councillor and Treasurer, who set up the Facebook group campaigning to save it, said: "It is such a shame it has come to this. It would be such a loss if it were to go under."



Council land bid is part of homes plan

THE site of a old hospital in Wordsley will be redeveloped with more than 100 homes.

Empty Ridge Hill Hospital, where several buildings have already been demolished, is set to be turned into a housing development some eight years after homes were first suggested.

Councillors in Wordsley have welcomed the proposal but say they have concerns about an increase in traffic.

Plans for homes to be built at the hospital site were first made back in 2007 but did not come to fruition. Now NHS Property Services is seeking to buy council land by the access road leading from Brierley Hill Road up to the former hospital site.

New footpaths would be created to provide safer crossings with new pedestrian and cycle routes to Auckland Road.

Officials are due to submit a revised planning application for up to 130 homes and NHS Property Services want to enter into an agreement to be able to buy the empty land once they have secured planning permission for the Ridge Hill transformation.

Community face losing hundreds of officers

HUNDREDS of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are set to lose their job as West Midlands Police axes up to 2,500 officers and civilian staff.

The move will be part of a major shake up of neighbourhood policing that is expected to signal an end of police involvement in community events such as fetes



Chief Constable Chris Sims

"The force has got to be open and honest with the public and say clearly what we can no longer do. Hopefully other agencies can take those tasks on board.

"It will be very sad to lose the interaction we get with the public through summer fetes and similar events but the chief can only work within the budget he is given."

Up to 2,500 West Midlands Police officers and civilian staff are set to be axed in the next four years as the force battles to save a further £120m.

It has already cut £126m from the budget and lost 3,000 jobs from the payroll since 2010 but the overall strength is expected to fall by around 5,500 to 8,000 in a decade.

One estimate suggests this will include 1,800 police officers, achieved through natural wastage since they cannot be made redundant.

The plan is the result of a £25m five year deal with consultancy firm Accenture launched last summer.



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Film footage of old brings region to life

A COLLECTION of historic films released online offers a fascinating insight into the Black Country's heritage.

The project reveals hidden histories and forgotten stories of people and places from the region.

Britain on Film has been launched by the British Film Institute and aims to share films from the past to a new contemporary audience.

The vintage videos were all held in a regional collection – but have been released to share them with a wider audience.

Some of the highlights from the Black Country films include a 1961 promotional film about the Express & Star and a 1963 portrait of West Bromwich Albion, with Bobby Robson being interviewed.

There is also a video from Wolverhampton in 1970s which documents the upheaval in the city as Georgian and Victorian shops

MEMORY LANE

By David Cosgrove

made way for flats. The Media Archive for Central England (MACE) has supported the BFI and Britain on Film in the project.

Phil Leach, senior curator at MACE, said: "It's great to be able to preserve these old videos but we also need to be getting things out there for the public to see."

"If you put something online people can watch it again and again, any time. This is a really good way of getting films out there."

Mr Leach said one of his highlights from the Black Country was an 80-year-old film of King George V's Silver Jubilee, which saw a pageant put on at Molineux. There is also a 1904 film showing Wolves playing away at Preston.

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Tribute made to voluntary worker

A POPULAR voluntary worker has lost her battle against cancer. Valerie Clarke, 76, of Jenks Avenue, Kinver, died on July 18.

Mrs Clarke started out as a voluntary junior youth club leader at Grainger's Lane Methodist Church in Cradley Heath. Later she became a Cub Scout leader and president of Kinver Evening Women's Institute. She was also a volunteer for the Mary Stevens Hospice charity shop and at the National Trust's Kinver Rock Houses.

She leaves husband Bob, two children and four grandchildren. Mr Clarke paid tribute to his wife of 55 years, saying: "She was a wonderful wife and extremely popular person who was loved by everyone."

Her funeral took place at Kinver Parish Church last week, followed by a cremation at Stourbridge Crematorium.

OAP lives next door to a jungle



Pensioner Jack Washington, of Netherton, at the overgrown fence next to his garden

A RETIRED engineer says overgrown weeds from council land have caused damage to his garden fence.

Jack Washington, aged 83, has appealed to Dudley Council to treat the vegetation next to his home in Netherton.

The Darby End Road resident says he has been promised a resolution but has been frustrated at the lack of progress.

Mr Washington said he initially reported the problem to the council in June last year and has made repeated calls to the authority about the weeds.

Mr Washington said: "There's ivy and all sorts growing over the fence and that's come through and shattered the top part of it."

"They promised me that they would come and fix it. It's always on the list to be done but it's never been done."

Energy saver scheme offer to landlords

THOUSANDS of landlords in Dudley can apply for funding in energy saving measures to keep their properties up to standard.

Dudley Council's Winter Warmth Service is contacting thousands of landlords to see if they are eligible for free boilers, cavity wall and loft insulation. The campaign is aimed at also helping tenants on benefits.

Housing boss Councillor Gaye Partridge said: "We are writing to the 5,500 landlords in the borough to see if they are entitled to funding for replacement boilers and also to encourage them to apply for free loft and cavity wall insulation. It is in their interest to take advantage of this scheme as it should help to reduce their maintenance costs as well as helping tenants to save money on their energy bills."

Find out more by visiting www.dudley.gov.uk and searching for winter warmth. Call (01384) 817086 or email winterwarmth@dudley.gov.uk

Man and dogs are rescued from blaze destroying home

A MAN and four dogs had to be rescued from a house in Dudley after a ferocious blaze.

The fire ravaged the back of the terraced home in Tiled House Lane, Pensnett.

The man who lives in the house and his pets were rescued by firefighters and all treated for smoke inhalation.

The back of the property was blackened by the flames and the property appeared gutted.

Next-door neighbour Lisa Barnbrook's house was also affected, with her gutter crumpling in the flames and a bedroom window being charred.

Self-employed gardener Mrs Barnbrook, aged 42, said: "I heard a bang and a crack but thought it was something in my back garden. Then I looked out and saw the fire, ran down the stairs and phoned the fire brigade."

"All I could see was flames licking up at my windows."

Frightening

"It was very frightening and I think we were minutes away from the fire catching our house."

"We could've easily lost the back bedroom. At the time you deal with it but afterwards you

sit and think and realise how close you could've been."

Another neighbour, who did not want to be named, said the flames were higher than the rows of houses in the street. She said: "I heard crackling and banging and it sounded like something was crashing down on the street. When I got downstairs I could see the flames reflected in the windows of the houses opposite. You could see how high the flames were, they were right over the house."

The fire service sent three engines to the incident, the cause of which was still unknown.

New currency exchange store

ONE of the UK's leading travel money retailers has opened a foreign exchange store in Merry Hill Shopping Centre, creating three jobs.

The No 1 Currency store aims to provide a host of currencies to shoppers going on holiday, while businesses will have a choice of over 50 different currencies to buy and sell with zero per cent commission and no minimum spend.

Merry Hill is the tenth No.1 Currency foreign exchange store to open in 2015, and the 49th store to open across the country, as part of the company's UK-wide expansion.

Simon Phillips, retail director for No.1 Currency, said: "We are delighted to be opening a store in Merry Hill."

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FOCUS ON KINGSWINFORD AND WALL HEATH

Praise for veteran, 88, who fought off a burglar

A BRAVE war veteran aged 88 has been praised after he used his walking stick to fight off a burglar who broke into his Kingswinford home.

The criminal who left the former Welsh Guardsman injured has been branded as 'scum' by a Kingswinford's Councillor Patrick Harley.

Police are calling for information after great-grandfather Tom Bull fought off the intruder shortly after midnight on Sunday, July 26.

Mr Bull hit the crook with his stick after grappling with him in his hallway.

The pensioner was left with cuts to his arms and was shaken but the burglar did not manage to steal anything from the property.

Struggle

Mr Bull was asleep in a chair in his living room when the crook forced his way into the bungalow through a window.

He was awoken by a noise and went to see what was happening when he came across the burglar in his hall. A struggle ensued and Mr Bull reached for his walking stick to try to protect himself.

"I think he was as surprised as I was," Mr Bull said. "We had a bit of a grapple. We came in the front room, I got hold of my

By Richard Guttridge

stick and gave him a right old smack. He knocked me out of the way."

The intruder left through the window he entered by.

Mr Bull, who served with the Welsh Guards during the Second World War, said: "I was a little bit shook up but I'm alright. I didn't sleep afterwards. The police came and the paramedics."

The brave pensioner suffers with angina and has to receive oxygen.

He also has problems with his hearing and vision.

He said: "All I was interested in was getting him out. He said 'don't hit me' then I walloped him. He's the lowest of the low."

Detective Constable Richard Hall said Mr Bull was resilient but it had still been a shocking experience for him.

Anyone with information should call police on 101.



Councillor Nicola Richards beside the mini-roundabout junction she fears is dangerous

Petition call for revamp of islands

A PETITION calling for changes to mini-islands at Wall Heath has been launched by councillors who fear road danger.

Tory Councillors Natalie Neale and Nicola Richards set up a petition but Labour counterpart Dave Tyler said the current 'common sense' solution slowed traffic.

The petition gained more than 200 signatures in a week according to Councillor Neale, who said she is 'waiting for a major accident' on High Street. The islands were installed in 2008 but campaigners want one large island or traffic lights.

Councillor Tyler said in seven years before the islands there were 22 injuries in accidents at that junction but in seven years since there had been none. "As an ex-traffic policeman, I know that it's not always the junction but the way people use it," he said. "What we've got at the moment is a common sense solution."

Bishop in dedication of garden

THE Bishop of Dudley dedicated a new peace garden at a primary school.

Bishop Graham Usher opened the garden, designed by the children themselves, at St Mary's CE Primary School, Kingswinford, before the holidays. It aims to provide pupils with a quiet place where they can go to pray, reflect or just chill out.

Headteacher Linda Perkins said: "I'd like to thank all those who worked so hard to make our celebration a success as well as everyone who has helped to create this amazing space. The children have loved being a part of designing and building the garden."

Bishop Usher blessed the garden before unveiling a plaque. Children were inspired by the Royal Horticultural Society Show in Malvern and received help from the Quiet Garden Movement.

£1.3m scheme for towpaths

A £1.3 million scheme re-vamping canal towpaths to encourage walking and cycling between Kingswinford and Stourbridge has been approved.

It is being carried out as part of the Managing Short Trips project led by Centro with the Canal and River Trust and Dudley Council.

There will be work to improve a section of national cycle network in Pennett and the route between the Bonded Warehouse and Kingswinford.

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On a wing and a prayer for charity



Kelly Tittley, of New Birmingham Road, Tividale, with her niece Lauren Hales, who has inspired her fundraising stunt

A MOTHER-OF-THREE has been inspired by her niece to undertake a terrifying mid-air wing walk to raise cash for a good cause.

Kelly Tittley, of New Birmingham Road, Tividale, will become one of the first people in the UK to complete a walk along the wing of a biplane for charity.

Mrs Tittley is fundraising for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, as her 10-year-old niece Lauren Hales suffers from the condition. The walk in the sky will take place in Yorkshire on Saturday, just two days before Mrs Tittley's 40th birthday.

She said: "We've done fundraising before but this year I'm turning 40 and want to go into the year with a wow. I wanted to choose something that was frightening for me and something that was a real test. I wanted something that would challenge me in the way that Lauren is challenged on a regular basis."

To donate see www.justgiving.com/kelly-40/

Waterfall being restored at zoo lions' enclosure

A WATERFALL will soon be flowing again at Dudley Zoo where work is under way to restore the five-level falls – under the watchful eyes of two resident Asiatic lionesses.

The one-acre Lion Ridge paddock is home to Kyra and Asha. Essential maintenance work is needed on the waterfall to repair the concrete before a new pump is installed to allow the water to trickle down again.

Once complete the animals will be able to drink from the pools and splash around. Big cat staff have called in the zoo's Team Tecton to help carry out essential maintenance work on the waterfall.

Section leader Jay Haywood asked for help from construction supervisor Carlo Diponio and apprentice Nathan Beaman to get the waterfall running again.

Mr Haywood said: "The lower level of the waterfall needed some repair work to the concrete so we got a helping hand from the team who have been restoring the zoo's Modernist Tecton buildings.

"We've carried out some repointing work and will be putting in a new pump to get the waterfall up and running for the summer. We can only complete the work before and after zoo opening when Kyra and Asha are safely locked inside."

MORE than 1,000 council CCTV cameras are watching and recording people in the Black Country.

A total of 706 of those are in Sandwell, compared to 208 in Wolverhampton, 124 in Walsall and just 90 in Dudley.

Bosses have defended the use of the cameras, insisting they are vital to catch criminals and crack down on offences like fly-tipping. But campaigners say there is little evidence that CCTV works in cutting crime.

Alex Deane, director of campaign group Big Brother Watch, said: "Local councils are creating enormous networks of CCTV surveillance at great expense, but the evidence for the ability of CCTV to deter or solve crimes is sketchy at best.

"The quality of footage is frequently too poor to be used in courts, the cameras are often turned off to save money and control rooms are rarely manned 24 hours a day.

Report by Adam Burling

"With crime on the increase, it is understandable that some people want more CCTV, but we would all feel safer with more police on the beat, there would be fewer crimes and those crimes that do occur would be solved faster."

A total of 119 arrests were made using CCTV evidence in Sandwell in 2014/15 – nearly three times the amount in 2011/12.

Monitored

Last year the control room detected 2,627 incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour, with a further 1,773 incidents passed on to other parts of the council or partner agencies such as West Midlands Police.

Some of Sandwell's cameras are monitored in the council's control room, while others are recording but are not being continually checked.

Sandwell Council argues that its figures

are higher because it runs a CCTV network on housing estates. Some 371 cameras are based at estates with the rest placed to view roads and sites like cemeteries and the council house in Oldbury.

Eleven of Dudley's 90 cameras are in Stourbridge's Foster Street subway, while Wolverhampton has 76 for 'urban traffic management' at peak times. Sandwell Council leader, Councillor Darren Cooper, said: "Our close-circuit television system is designed to make Sandwell a safer and more welcoming place for residents and visitors alike.

"The number of cameras monitored from our CCTV central control room is around 450, the majority of these, around 375, focus on our high-rise estates and also control door entry for more than 2,000 flats with a further 75 being public space cameras covering town centres. A further 250 cameras are in locations such as libraries, crematoria, care centres and other council offices for the protection and safety of staff and visitors."

Riding rails right back to the 1960s

FAB fashions, iconic cars and beat music – the Severn Valley Railway is taking visitors back to the swinging 1960s.

The attraction will host its Sounds of the 60s event next weekend, from August 14 to 16. Visitors are invited to get dressed up in fashions from 50 years ago as the railway pays a tribute to one of the most iconic decades in Britain's history with a rocking mix of evening concerts and daytime events.

An intensive service of heritage steam and diesel trains will be running throughout the weekend, taking passengers up and down the 16-mile line between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth via Bewdley.

There will be live fashion shows at regular intervals will showcase some of the hottest trends of the decade, from mini-skirts to Paisley prints. At The Engine House Visitor Centre at Highley three replica 'Italian Job' Minis will be on display alongside the resident steam engines and Doctor Who's Daleks, who made their first TV appearance in that decade, will invade on Saturday and Sunday.

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600 not out at new Poundland store

Veg and flower show blooms into best ever

POUNDLAND has opened its 600th store in Bilston – the town where the concept for the £1-for-everything chain was born.

The company's CEO Jim McCarthy cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the Church Road store, allowing the queueing shoppers to charge through the turquoise doors.

There was a party atmosphere as shoppers, who queued for more than an hour, were entertained by a DJ and the Honey Monster and a Walkers Crisp packet danced for the crowd's entertainment.

Vouchers worth £10 were offered to the first shoppers while walking billboards advertising the grand opening roamed the streets of Bilston.

Inside, the shelves were full, boasting a full array of Poundland stock from selfie-sticks and a back-to-school range to crisps and fizzy drinks.

Delighted

Mr McCarthy has been at the helm of the bargain retailer for nine years. He opened the chain's 500th store and has seen it break the billion pound barrier for sales.

He said: "I'm absolutely delighted to get to 600 stores. It's absolutely appropriate that we've opened it in Bilston in the heart of the Midlands, it's where we started back in 1990.

"The customers are great, they love value, they appreciated Poundland and we love them to bits. I am absolutely delighted, it's wonderful."

Poundland originated as a market stall in Bilston before founders Keith and Steve Smith opened the chain's first shop in 1990. Mr McCarthy now wants to hit the 1,000 store mark.

"Independent researcher Javelin say that there are 1,400 stores that we could occupy in the UK but we say



Poundland CEO Jim McCarthy



Staff celebrate with Jim McCarthy



Shopper June Sambrooks, of Bilston, at the new Church Street store

1,000 as we like to under promise and over deliver whenever we can," he said.

Comparisons between Poundland and Woolworths are inevitable as the former replaced the latter as the UK's go-to bargain store. But Mr McCarthy played down the importance of being on course to surpass the 850 or so shops that Woolworths had open

at any one time in the UK. He said: "Woolworths I was very fond of of course, but we intend to stay around slightly longer.

"I think it's the customers who decide how many you have because if you're successful and they're buying products then you can keep opening stores and it's our attention to keep doing that."

RECORD entries and more visitors than ever added up to a blooming marvellous show for a Wolverhampton gardening club.

And no one was happier than Harry Livesey, aged 81, who picked up the Best In Show award just a few years after keen gardener son Phillip, 52, persuaded him to start an allotment.

Mr Livesey from Woodland Pad-dock, Penn, discovered late in life that he was blessed with green fingers as his eye-catching gladioli carried off the main prize at Penn and District Gardening Society's 76th annual show.

"I couldn't believe it and neither could my wife – she was convinced that somebody was having a joke when she saw my name on the winner's card," he confessed. "I regard myself as a very amateur gardener and am delighted to have won."

Admire

There were 460 entries for the available classes and around 200 came to admire the flowers, vegetables and other items at the Bradmore Community Centre, Birches Barn Road.

Another highlight was Eric Foulkes visiting from his home in Germany, to present a shield awarded in memory of his identically named grandfather to the highest points winner in the flower section.

This year the winner was Linda Hickman from Wall Heath.

Dennis Turner, aged 77 from Moss Grove, Kingswinford proved that he knows his onions by collecting the Banksian Gold Medal for most points in the vegetable section.

Carrots, shallots, cucumbers, tomatoes and lettuce joined forces with the onions to ensure the regular winner notched up another triumph.



Best in show winner: Harry Livesey, 81



First place Philippa Cooper from Penn



John Cooper, secretary of Penn & District Gardening Society from Penn

He confessed: "I've turned veg growing into a full time job. I pop down the garden to work on them as often as possible and the good news is that they taste even better than they look."

John Cooper, the 63-year-old secretary of the Gardening Society, declared: "We had more entrants than ever before which was a surprise because it has not been a great year

for growing. And a record number of people came to see the show. It was a great success."

There was further reason for the family to celebrate when his wife Philippa scooped first prize for flower arrangements in a competition with the theme Welcome New Baby.

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Poppies inspire art show at glass centre



Enamel artist Carol Griffin is pictured with some of her work on show at The Ruskin Glass Centre, Stourbridge

A POPPY-INSPIRED collection of artwork has gone on display at The Ruskin Glass Centre to mark Amblecote's first In Bloom competition entry.

Artists from the Wollaston Road glass centre produced pieces relating to the competition's poppy theme, ranging from textile to enamel designs.

Amblecote in Bloom was the idea of Councillor Christine Perks.

Carole Griffin, chairman of the Ruskin Craft Association who designed an enamel piece for the exhibition, said: "Our ideas came from Christine's initiative with this being the first Am-

blecote In Bloom competition entry. The symbol and theme of the competition is a poppy, so our artists at the glass centre each decided to do a piece.

"There were 10 glass pieces but we also had wood, enamel, soap and textile designs as well as silver and resin jewellery and artwork cards.

"They were all put in a display cabinet and looked really impressive.

"We had three pieces given to us by artists from the Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford too."

Creative woodwork artist Jamie Hubbard carved a poppy out of wood. The Natural Soapworks produced

a poppy in soap and glass artist Vic Bamforth designed a chunky glass globe entitled 'field of poppies'.

Mr Bamforth combines his painting and glass-blowing skills to create vibrantly colourful, humorous, one-off glass art pieces which are exhibited and collected internationally. His work is also held in international public collections including Corning Museum of Glass in New York.

Following a £1.4 million refurbishment, The Ruskin Glass Centre is home to a wide array of glass crafts and complementary trade. The display is at the museum until August 22.



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Restaurant could bring 80 jobs if proposals approved

THE developer behind plans for a restaurant, creating 80 jobs, at Oldbury's Birchley Island says work could begin next year if plans are approved.

St Modwen has unveiled multi-million pound proposals for a restaurant operated by national chain Greene King.

The site, between the island and the slip road for Junction 2 of the M5, has previously been earmarked for a hotel and casino but both schemes never got off the ground. The restaurant would be part of Greene King's Farmhouse Inn brand and create 80 full-time and part-time jobs.

One in four drivers were over the limit

ONE in four drivers stopped by police during a summer blitz were driving over the legal alcohol limit.

Throughout June, West Midlands Police and the Central Motorway Police Group (CMPG) ran roadside checkpoints and patrolled in unmarked vehicles to catch offenders, as well as acting on tip-offs.

In total 211 people were arrested, of which 129 have been charged, and 30 are on bail pending results of blood samples.

Officers from the CMPG carried out 259 breath tests during the month, resulting in 69 drink-drive arrests, including seven who'd been involved in collisions.

CMPG Chief Inspector Jed White said: "More than a quarter of all the motorists my officers stopped were found over the legal alcohol limit, it shows we're targeting the right people and not unfairly inconveniencing innocent motorists."

If planning permission is granted by Sandwell Council, construction will get under way in 2016.

Ian Romano, senior development surveyor at St. Modwen, said: "A new restaurant will be a great addition to the current offer at Birchley Island, and will cater for motorists, shoppers and workers in the area."

Richard Lewis, managing director for Farmhouse Inns, said: "We are excited to be bringing forward plans for a family-friendly Farmhouse Inn on Birchley Island."

"Usually popular with business users and families, Farmhouse Inns are good value restaurants known for daily carveries, home-made cakes, cask ales and children's activity play areas."

"As well as creating new local jobs, the restaurant would provide customers with a greater choice of where to dine, so we hope that these plans will be warmly welcomed by the community."

The scheme also includes a car park with 95 spaces. The 13,811 sq ft restaurant will have two entrances to accommodate those visiting to dine and those using only the bar. The building will have a central patio for outdoor dining, which will be enclosed by a landscaped area with high shrubs, separating it from the car park.

£1.8m animal hospital is opened



Joanne Malin and her dog Maisy at the opening of the PDSA hospital in Oldbury

TV presenter Joanne Malin and her four-legged pooch Maisy helped to unveil a new £1.8 million PDSA Pet Hospital in Oldbury.

The veterinary centre on St Matthew's Road has replaced the charity's old site on Hagley Road West, Quinton.

The plush hospital has a critical care ward, operating theatre and the latest diagnostic and surgical equipment.

PDSA's chairman, John Smith, said the facilities will equip vets with all they need to treat animals in need.

He said: "It is wonderful to be able to open practices that offer the latest equipment to enable us to provide the best possible care for lots of animals."

"Each practice we build we try to make better. This one has got a lot of features in that will make it easier for vets and safer for the animals."

"We are extremely thankful to our supporters as this would not have happened without them and their fundraising."

"All donations - big or small have been appreciated."

The building and equipment have been funded entirely by PDSA supporters and donations from the public.

It has been called The Marian and Christina Ionescu Centre of Surgical Excellence following generous donations to the building costs and operating theatre. The premises will also be used for training.

Mr Smith added: "We are fortunate to have excellent training facilities here too for vets of the future. Trainees will be able to look from behind glass partitions in the theatre."

Phone box millionaire is guest at ball

A BLACK Country charity is throwing a ball to mark 140 years of support for people with sight loss.

Beacon is hosting the glamorous black tie event on October 9 at the Copthorne Hotel, Merry Hill, with guest speaker Dr Stephen Fear, the 'phone box millionaire'.

He started his commercial oven cleaning company aged 15, achieving his first major business deal using a now-famous red telephone box on the council estate in Bristol where he grew up.

Beacon's chief executive Arwyn Jones said: "We are thrilled to welcome a speaker of Stephen Fear's calibre to our event and look forward to hearing about his unique approach to social enterprise. This is particularly relevant to our organisation as we seek innovative ways to raise the vital funding needed to deliver life-changing services to people coping with sight loss across our region."

Kelly Vickers, Beacon's fundraising and event officer, said: "The 140th anniversary of the charity is such an important milestone that we wanted a special event to mark the occasion. Our 'Hollywood Ball' will be a glittering evening."

Tickets cost £30 per person, including a three-course meal and welcome drink, and can be purchased from www.beaconvision.org

Nature reserve blaze is suspected arson

ARSONISTS are believed to be responsible for a large grass fire which took hold at a nature reserve in the Black Country.

Firefighters from Dudley were called to Sheepwash Local Nature Reserve near Tipton last week.

West Midlands Fire Service spokesman, Matthew Smith, said there were three areas of grassland on fire across an area of approximately 500 square metres.



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Amsterdam, Delft and the Girl with the Pearl Earring

Four days departing October 16



Pearl Earring' and 'The Goldfinch' by Carel Fabritius a close second. This is followed by a visit to Delft, one of the prettiest cities in Holland and birthplace of Vermeer, for some free time.

A full day is spent in the Netherland's capital city, Amsterdam. Built on a network of canals this is a beautiful place to explore. Maybe take a stroll alongside the water, across quaint bridges and through the streets with their grand facades.

For a great way to see the city canal cruises are also available. Another highlight is The Rijksmuseum and there are also numerous diamond factories for which the city is famous. (Entrance fees payable locally).

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After completing her world tour, which attracted 2.2 million viewers, the 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' has returned to her newly refurbished home at the Mauritshuis Museum.

Painted by the master of light, Johannes Vermeer, around 1665, she is one of the stars of the Dutch Golden Age and continues to fascinate historians, novelists and filmmakers alike.

A visit is included to the Mauritshuis Museum in the Hague where some 800 unique works by Dutch and Flemish masters from the Golden Age can be seen. The star attraction is undoubtedly Vermeer's enigmatic 'Girl with a

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- Return coach travel and Eurotunnel crossing
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During the visit to Glastonbury maybe visit the Abbey, an ancient pilgrimage centre where King Arthur is believed to be buried. Explore the quirky shops offering endless curiosities and walk up to the top of the famous Glastonbury Tor, renowned for its spectacular views (some entrance fees payable locally).

In Wells, England's smallest city, admire the architecture including its famed 12th century cathedral featuring over 300 carvings and statues, and a magnificent example of early gothic design. See the market place in full festive swing with a traditional Santa's grotto and songs from the local singing choirs.

Christmas Day is at leisure to relax at the hotel or maybe take a stroll along the Grand Pier following a gala Christmas lunch with a glass of wine. In the evening, following a festive buffet, enjoy some evening entertainment and dancing.

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Two days departing December 12

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22 Takeaway boss is fined over food hygiene

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THE owner of a Chinese restaurant in Dudley has paid out more than £4,000 after admitting hygiene breaches.

Wei Keung Chiu, who runs Ken's takeaway in Wolverhampton Street, pleaded guilty to nine offences under the food hygiene regulations at Dudley Magistrates Court on July 30.

Environmental health officers from Dudley Council inspected the takeaway premises in 2014 and found that the premises and equipment were dirty and not maintained in good condition. They also found staff had not been provided with hand drying facilities, pest control procedures were inadequate and food safety hazards had not been assessed. The shop received a hygiene rating of one out of five.

Magistrates imposed a fine of £2,025 and costs of £2,316.80 plus a victim surcharge of £120.

Councillor Rachel Harris, cabinet member for health, said: "Whilst we prefer to work with businesses to secure compliance with the law, we will not hesitate to take legal action against the minority of food businesses proprietors who do not take our advice on board and who fail to meet their legal responsibilities.

"Nearly half of all food outlets in the borough are achieving the top hygiene rating of five and the vast majority achieve a satisfactory rating of three or more."

TV's psychic Sally has a show at town hall

CLAIRVOYANT Sally Morgan will be visiting the Black Country as part of a nationwide tour.

The star of programmes on ITV2 and Sky Living, who goes under the name Psychic Sally, will be bringing her latest stage show to Dudley Town Hall on November 9.

Tickets for the Dudley show, which starts at 7.30pm, cost £23.50, available on (01384) 812812, or 0870 320 7000. Visit www.dudley.gov.uk

D-Day soldiers are dying before getting promised French medal

Fizzogs flying flag at Fringe Festival



The Fizzogs comedy troupe at Dudley Castle ready to fly the Black Country flag, as they head to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

DANCING grannies sensation The Fizzogs will be flying the flag for the Black Country this week when they take part in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

The Dudley comedy act's appearance comes hot on the heels of the group taking a leading role in this year's Black Country Festival.

Key figures behind this year's successful festival, including the Fizzogs, were thanked at a civic reception with the Mayor of Dudley.

And now the comedy act - who be-

came an internet sensation with their dancing grannies routine - are heading north of the border as they appear for the first time in the Fringe, one of the world's biggest theatre festivals.

Their show, Fifty Shades of Fizzogs, runs from this Friday to August 13.

"We are going to represent the Black Country in Edinburgh," said member Sue Hawkins. "It's something we have wanted to do for years and comes on the back of our dancing grannies video going viral on social media. There will be singing, dancing and lots of laughs."

The group have been recognised for their work for the Black Country Festival by Dudley Mayor Councillor Steve Waltho, who presented the group with an engraved glass tankard and a framed certificate.

Councillor Waltho said: "The Black Country Festival celebrations have been a highlight of my mayoral year so far and I was delighted to welcome the key players into the parlour to recognise their work. I'm also thrilled to have had the opportunity to wish The Fizzogs all the best."

MORE than a dozen D-Day veterans from across the Black Country and Staffordshire, who were promised France's highest military award for bravery, have died without receiving the medal.

Last year, the French Government announced it would give the Legion d'Honneur to all surviving Normandy veterans.

But only a fraction of the 3,000 servicemen across the country who applied for medals have received them. Campaigners say the delay has meant veterans have died before they had chance to receive the medals.

The veterans have an average age of 95 and are dying at a rate of 10 a week.

The medal recognises heroism displayed by surviving veterans of the Normandy landings and of the wider campaigns to liberate France in 1944. It cannot be awarded posthumously.

Servicemen campaigner Joy Widdowson said 11 veterans from Wolverhampton and Staffordshire had died since French President Francois Hollande announced the medals would be awarded on June 6 last year.

She said: "I've been to 11 funerals since then. This has taken far too long. The French Government made a promise, but a lot of veterans are questioning whether they will be around to receive the award."

Another campaigner, Hilary Brown, holds a database of veterans from the Black Country who are eligible to receive the medal.

"If I ring one of them and they don't answer the phone I always fear the worst," said Mrs Brown, aged 61, of Kingswinford. "Some of these men, who thoroughly deserve to have their heroism recognised, won't live to receive the award."

West Bromwich West MP Adrian Bailey says he has written to the Ministry of Defence requesting they urge the French Government to 'act quickly'.

Search is on for brownfield housing sites

A CONSULTATION has been launched to try to locate land for future development in Dudley.

Landowners and developers have been asked to put forward sites in the borough that could be developed for housing.

Dudley Council is currently working on a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, which is a survey of available land for development.

This consultation gives people the chance to put forward sites which could become available in the next 15 years.

The authority will prioritise brownfield sites (previously developed land) as they are usually located in sustainable locations, near services and transport routes.

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Veteran rocker not going to fade away

ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

VETERAN rocker Neil Young is opting to burn rather than fade away and is full of righteous rage and indignation on his 36th album *The Monsanto Years*.

Global corporations, particularly the one in the title, come in for fierce condemnation over their impact on farmers and the planet in a series of songs linked by his ecological concerns.

In LA band Promise of the Real, led by Willie Nelson's sons Lukas and Micah, he has got a backing band with the heft to make a blistering riffing cacophony to match his ire, on a par with his mighty backing band of yesteryear Crazy Horse.

Some songs suffer because the message has come before the music, with lyrics squeezed in to make his point, and slip into slogans - "Too big to fail, too rich for jail" - on Big Box. But it is exhilarating to hear Young sounding so focussed and furious.

Footage

The stomping Workin' Man is a highlight, as is People Want to Hear About Love, on which he states his case for protest. Meanwhile, Wolf Moon adds another lunar themed soothing ballad in the style of his classic Harvest Moon. The album is available with a 76-minute DVD containing in-studio performances and behind the scenes footage from the making of the album.

Tame Impala, AKA Aussie psych pop sensation Kevin Parker, largely switches guitars for synths on his third album *Currents*.

The songs still have Tame Impala hallmarks, such as wistful melancholy, sudden changes of gear and phasing, but Parker brings in elements of fried



Exhilarating to hear Neil Young so focussed and furious on *The Monsanto Years*

funk, a few expletives and synth pop akin to classic OMD or, more contemporary, Daft Punk.

Parker's vocals are to the fore, often delivered as a sweet falsetto but *Currents* has bitter elements befitting a break-up album. He also displays a more assured commercial touch, with Cause I'm A Man being one of the best pop tracks of the year, the best record Justin Timberlake should have made.

A treasure trove for those interested in the beginnings of UK folk-rock, the Grapefruit label's three CD set *Dust On The Nettles* (63 tracks clocking in at just under four hours) is, as its subtitle says, *A Journey through the British Underground Folk Scene 1967-72*. These were exciting times when the hippy scene overlapped with the folk clubs and festivals. Maybe potent substances were sampled as the finger-in-the-ear folk scene took on psychedelic and world music influences, as the singer-songwriter scene was blooming.

There are some familiar names here including Fairport Convention, Joan Armatrading, The Pentangle, recently rediscovered Vashti Bunyan and Marc Bolan's Tyrannosaurus Rex in pre-glamic

rock days. But the joy comes in discovering some choice rarities, several never released before.

Serious seekers for obscure rock 'n' roll and Francophile music fans will find lots of Gallic delights on Various Artists album *Vive Le Rock 'n' Roll: The Unruly World of French Rock 'n' Roll 1956 to 1962*. Put together by RPM International, a label dedicated to seeking out rare and iconic non-Anglo music, this 22-track set has lots of treats.

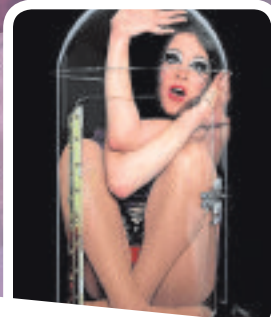
Highlights include Twist A Saint-Tropez and Le Jour J by Les Chats Sauvages, Baby Let's Play House and Sweet Little Sixteen by adopted English-American Vince Taylor and his Play Boys, garage rocker Oh Les Filles! by Les Pinguins, the bonkers Gong-Gong by Danyel Gerard, and the accordion-propelled Rock Rock by Charles Verstraete. The 1956 track Rock and Roll Mops by Henry Cording and his Original Rock and Roll Boys, co-written by Michel Legrand, lays claim to being France's first rock record.

A minus point is that the greatest of all French rockers, Johnny Hallyday, is represented by two poor quality recordings.

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 Thu at 6pm, £12
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 B1 1DB.
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The Avengers
 Mon at 7pm - 11pm, £11
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 Sat at 6.30pm,
 O2 Academy Birmingham,
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Teenage Bottlerocket
 Thu at 7pm, £9
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 WV1 1RQ.
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 Sat at 10am - 5pm, Sun at 10am
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 10am - 5pm, Tue at 10am - 5pm,
 Wed at 10am - 5pm, Thu at 10am
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 The New Art Gallery Walsall,
 WS2 8LG.
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The Festival Of Quilts
 Fri at 10am - 5.30pm, Sat at 10am
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 The NEC Birmingham, B40 1NT.
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 Fri at 10.30am - 5pm, Sat at 10am
 - 5pm, Sun at 10am - 5pm, Mon
 at 10am - 5pm, Tue at 10am -
 5pm, Wed at 10am - 5pm, Thu at
 10am - 5pm, £3 - £17
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 Gallery, B3 3DH.
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 Fri at 1pm - 2pm, Free
 Birmingham Museum and Art
 Gallery, B3 3DH.
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 Fri at 10am - 5pm, Sat at 10am -
 5pm, Sun at noon - 4pm, Tue at
 10am - 5pm, Wed at 10am - 5pm,
 Thu at 10am - 5pm, Free
 The New Art Gallery Walsall,
 WS2 8LG.
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Animal Architecture
Fri at 10am - 5pm, Sat at 10am -
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 10am - 5pm, Wed at 10am - 5pm,
 Thu at 10am - 5pm, Free
 Wolverhampton Art Gallery,
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 Cradley Heath, B64 7JU.
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 Mon at 11.30am - 3.30pm, Tue
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 Royal Air Force Museum,
 Cosford, TF11 8UP.
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Digital Music Making: Workshop (Ages 6-11)
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Young musicians show their mettle



The Nation Youth Orchestra of Great Britain in action before they tackle Mahler at Birmingham Symphony Hall

THE National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain returns to Birmingham for its annual concert as part of its most ambitious summer to date.

Under the baton of Sir Mark Elder, of the Halle Orchestra, the teenagers perform Mahler's epic Symphony No 9 alongside the world premiere performances of Re-greening by Tansy Davies, written especially for NYOGB, at the city's Symphony Hall tomorrow evening (Friday).

The orchestra's young composers will be presenting a free performance of some of their works at the Symphony Hall foyer at 6pm, before the 7.30pm concert. See www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 780 3333.

Following a two-week residency in Birmingham, the orchestra travels to Aldeburgh, the BBC Proms and Berlin. NYOGB's 14 to 19-year-old members are drawn from across the UK and this year nine of the 163 talented

teens hail from the West Midlands. Among them are double bassists Harry Atkinson (Birmingham) and Patrick Phillip (Bridgnorth), violinists Philip Edwards (Stafford) and Madeleine Dawson (B'ham), cellists Joshua Mountford (B'north) and Dominic Marten (B'ham).

Activities in Birmingham included ensembles taking music to the streets and workshops at the University of Birmingham.



Miss is in a bottle...

FREAKS and feathers will surround you at the Carnival of the Bizarre, prepare to be shocked and amazed by a blend of weird variety acts and burlesque from the same people who stunned audiences — and the Britain's Got Talent judges — with notorious touring show The Circus of Horrors.

At Bilston's Robin 2 venue tonight (Thursday) the audience will get close up and personal with some truly bizarre, and sometimes horrifying, performers.

Led by Circus of Horrors undead Ringmaster Doktor Haze, the shows cast of freaky characters can include Captain Dan, the demon dwarf; The Mongolian Laughing Boy; the Human Pincushion; the sword swallowing Hannibal Helmutro.

The circus element comes with performers including the girl in the bottle and Anastasia IV the blade walker, fire whirlwind acrobatics from the Voodoo Warriors and a bevy of burlesque beauties. Plus a multitude of shocks and surprises from the most bizarre acts around.

Advance tickets cost £15 or £16 on the door. Call 01902 401211 or see the www.therobin.co.uk website.

Other gigs coming up at the Mount Pleasant venue include: tomorrow, Alice Cooper tribute act Gallus Cooper with Scorpions tribute Scopyons; Saturday, U2-2 recreate Bono and co circa The Joshua Tree; Sunday, Monsters of Rock featuring Black Sabbath tribute Sabbotage; Thursday, veteran San Francisco satirical rockers The Tubes, featuring singer Fee Waybill, make a rare UK appearance.

Dancer to make her last UK performance

A WORLD famous dancer will return to Birmingham Hippodrome for her last ever UK performance.

Sylvie Guillem will be performing Life in Progress, featuring existing and new works by choreographers who have influenced her career. Performances on September 8 and 9 will be the last by the former star of the Paris Opera Ballet and The Royal Ballet in Britain.

Promoted to the rank of 'Etoile' by Rudolf Nureyev at the age of 19, the French dancer has decided to retire at the age of 50. Her very final performance will be in Japan in December. See www.birminghamhippodrome.co.uk or call 0844 338 5000.

Punk's not dead, at least for a week

IT'S a punk rock week ahead in Birmingham and the Black Country.

Slam Dunk favourites Don Broco, whose new album Automatic comes out tomorrow, have sold out their gig at Birmingham Institute's Temple venue on Wednesday.

The Digbeth venue hosts San Francisco punk veterans The Avengers on Monday and Aussie hardcore outfit Break Even on Thursday (August 13). That's the same night US outfits A Wilhelm Scream play 02 Academy 3, Teenage Bottlerocket the Slade Rooms, and White Punks on Sunday. San Francisco satirical rockers The Tubes play Bilston's Robin 2.

Influential art of Japan on display

AN exhibition at Wolverhampton Art Gallery features images created by 19th century Japanese artist Utagawa Hiroshige.

Hiroshige's Japan: 53 Stations of the Tokaido Road feature a collection of landscapes that the artist was commissioned to create on the new road between the old capital Kyoto and Edo, which became Tokyo.

The woodblock prints, on display at the Lichfield Street gallery until November 21, had an influence on the Impressionists and even today's Manga comic art. It also the first touring exhibition to come to Wolverhampton from Oxford's prestigious Ashmolean Museum.

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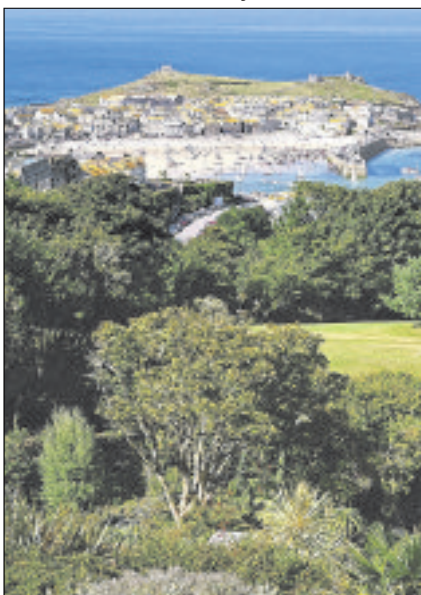
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For the perfect overview of its quaint little harbour, then the Tregenna Castle Estate is the perfect place to base your visit.

The bay-view rooms offer spectacular views down over the shops, bars and ice-cream parlours that line the old harbour. You can also plan excursions by foot with

By Leigh Sanders

views down to the beach offering a host of options to choose between. But you don't even have to head down to the sand yet. There's plenty to do just where you are.

Tired from your long journey down? First of all, head straight for the leisure complex attached to the back of the hotel to unwind.

The indoor heated pool and spa offer somewhere relaxed for families to spend some quality time. There is also a sauna and steam room and a gym.

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and let gravity guide you in. You hit Porthminster beach, a calm expanse of golden softness ideal for families. It has all the facilities you would require, and is a short walk from the harbour itself.

Activity

This is still a working port, and you can watch lazily as the fishermen bring in the latest catches you know will be adorning the array of seafood restaurants for you to sample later on. Most of the activity is to be found here, particularly for youngsters. They will want to head straight to Patsea Arcadia – harbour amusements full of fun.

While here, Kudos simply has to be visited. Situated on Fore Street, it is a real Aladdin's cave chocked from floor to ceiling with wonderfully unique items the owner has sourced from trusted collectors around

the world. Once the town has been scoured it is worth heading up towards what is known as The Island. A grassy hill behind the harbour, it can be accessed via a series of narrow back streets that house a number of independent art galleries.

Once ascended, you will find the smallest of chapels providing views that will amaze. If you are lucky enough, a pod of dolphins will swim past too to welcome you.

When you have done as much or as little exploring as you like it is time to head back down in to town and sample some of that food. If you like fish and are staying at the Tregenna, then it is worth one last trek back to base to sample The Brasserie.

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CHOICE



Rufus Hound

The Cube: Celebrity Special (ITV, 8pm)
Phillip Schofield invites comedians Rob Beckett and Rufus Hound to take part in a charity edition of the nerve-racking game show. Both are challenged to complete up to seven seemingly simple tasks of skill, dexterity, reaction, wit and wisdom within the confines of a large transparent cube. But each celebrity has only nine lives – and with each one they lose, the pressure mounts to win the jackpot of £250,000 for their chosen causes. Phillip Schofield is on hand to provide words of encouragement. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30 The Box.** (R) **12.00 BBC News.** Weather. **12.10 Football Focus.** **12.50 Saturday Sportsday.** **1.00 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **2.00 Homes Under the Hammer.** (R) **3.00 Escape to the Continent.** **4.00 Final Score.** **5.15 Pointless Celebrities.** (R)
6.05 BBC News.
6.15 Regional Programme.
6.25 Film: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. (1984) The intrepid archaeologist, with his young sidekick and a nightclub singer in tow, is stranded in India, where he takes on a mission to recover magical sacred stones from the hands of an evil cult engaged in human sacrifice and child slavery. Steven Spielberg's action adventure, starring Harrison Ford, Kate Capshaw, Ke Huy Quan and Amrish Puri.
8.15 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion. A UK family and their long-lost overseas relatives must work together in order to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion in a five-star location. The overseas family must answer questions to win time for their relatives in the UK studio, who will then individually answer questions against the clock. Nick Knowles hosts.
9.10 Casualty. Following an accident in his truck, Dylan's father is admitted to the Emergency Department. It is clear he and his son are not on good terms, and Dylan takes out his anger and frustration on Dervie, causing her to run away. Louis steals Tess's crucifix so he can get money for drugs, but Charlie tracks him down and, realising he has developed deep vein thrombosis, takes him to the hospital. Meanwhile, Jacob's romantic side is revealed and Lily lets Ethan go.
10.00 BBC News. Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Swansea City at Stamford Bridge and Bournemouth v Aston Villa at Dean Court.
11.40 Film: Disturbia. (2007) Thriller, starring Shia LaBeouf.
1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.30 Film: Gunga Din. (1939) **8.25 Film: Stick It.** (2006) **10.00 Animal Park.** (R) **11.00 More Creatures Great and Small.** (R) **11.30 More Creatures Great and Small.** (R) **12.00 Great British Menu.** (R) **12.30 Great British Menu.** (R) **1.00 Great British Menu.** (R) **1.30 Alex Polizzi: Chels on Trial.** (R) **2.30 Flog It!** (R) **3.30 Live Swimming: World Championships.** Day seven from Kazan Arena in Russia. **5.30 Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth.** (R) **6.30 Gardeners' World.** With the holiday season in full swing, Monty Don shares some timely tips on how to make sure gardens do not suffer while their owners are away. (R)
7.00 Proms Extra. Katie Derham is joined by Kiri Te Kanawa, Peter Maxwell Davies and Martin James Bartlett to appraise last week's performances, including the Late Night Sinatra Prom.
7.40 Edwardian Farm. Alex Langlands, Peter Ginn and Ruth Goodman put on a party when a paddle-steamer docks at the Morwellham Quay, bringing a group of tourists to the Tamar Valley. (R)
8.40 Dad's Army. Mainwaring gives the platoon a lecture in communications and his men have an opportunity to put what they have learnt into action when an enemy aircraft ditches in a reservoir. (R)
9.10 Film: The Duchess. (2008) Fact-based period drama, chronicling the life of Georgiana Spencer who became Duchess of Devonshire in 1774 at the age of 17. Adored by the public for her extravagant lifestyle, Spencer endured a troubled marriage and was eventually driven into the arms of Charles Grey, a senior Whig politician. Starring Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes, Dominic Cooper and Charlotte Rampling.
10.50 The Many Faces of Helen Mirren. A profile of the actress, who became a household name through her portrayal of DCI Jane Tennison in Prime Suspect and won an Oscar for playing Elizabeth II in The Queen. (R)
11.55 Film: Last Orders. (2001) Four men visit Margaret to scatter a friend's ashes and reminisce about their shared experiences over the last six decades. Drama, with Michael Caine.
1.35 Film: Brighton Rock. (2010) **3.20 The BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.35 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.45 Dino Dan.** (R) **7.00 Canimals.** (R) **7.15 Sooty.** (R) **7.30 Super 4.** (R) **7.45 Fish Hooks.** **8.00 Young Justice: Invasion.** (R) **8.25 ITV News.** **8.30 Weekend.** **9.25 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **11.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **12.25 ITV News.** Weather. **12.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **1.35 Tipping Point.** (R) **2.35 Celebrity Squares.** (R) **3.20 Midsomer Murders.** (R) **5.15 Catchphrase.** (R) **6.00 Regional Programme:** Weather.
6.15 ITV News: Weather.
6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of viewers' videos, featuring a squirrel stealing an iPhone and a fox attacking a golfer. (R)
7.00 Keep It in the Family. New series. Bradley Walsh hosts the game show in which families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds. A line-up of celebrities each hold the clue to a prize, and it's up to the contestants to determine the fate of their chosen box as they decide whether to swap, drop or keep it in the family. This week the Nanas are back and talented kids perform from a well-known musical.
8.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special. Comedians Rob Beckett and Rufus Hound take on The Cube in an attempt to win a jackpot of £250,000 for charity. Last in the series.
9.00 Film: The Bourne Identity. (2002) A fishing boat crew plucks a man out of the sea with two bullet wounds in his back and a safe-deposit number sewn into his skin – but absolutely no memory of who he is or how he got there. In the search for his true identity, he is pursued by assassins – but his skill at evading them suggests his own past is far from straightforward. Thriller, starring Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper, Clive Owen and Brian Cox.
11.10 ITV News: Weather.
11.25 The Chase. Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (R)
12.20 Jackpot247. **3.00 Ejector Seat.** (R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40 Tri Liverpool.** **7.35 FIM Superbike World Championship.** **8.00 The Morning Line.** **9.00 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Frasier.** (R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **10.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.20 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.45 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.15 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.50 The Simpsons.** (R) **1.20 Rude(ish) Tube.** **1.50 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Ascot, Haydock Park and Newmarket. **4.15 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **4.45 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.15 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.45 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
6.15 Come Dine with Me. On the final night in Darlington, Co Durham, Audra plans to win over her guests with genuine Italian cuisine followed by a mysterious transmini, which is not to everyone's liking. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Homes by the Sea. Architectural designer Charlie Luxton explores coastal properties in Northumberland, beginning in the fishing village of Craster, where he visits Craster Tower – an 18th-century Georgian mansion – before travelling to Whitley Bay to a seafood semi-detached property. He also explores a modern-build overlooking Druridge Bay and a transformed farmstead near Bamburgh.
8.00 Walking Through History: King John's Ruin – Peak District. On a walk across the medieval monarch's stamping grounds of Sherwood Forest and the Peak District, Tony Robinson discovers King John was a man plagued by crises. (R)
9.00 Film: The A-Team. (2010) Four soldiers are sent on a top-secret mission in Iraq that results in them being imprisoned for a crime they did not commit. When they learn the culprit is trying to sell equipment for producing fake currency, they break out of prison to find both him and evidence of their innocence. Action adventure based on the 1980s TV series, with Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper, Shantel Cooper and Quinton Rampage Jackson.
11.25 Film: The Fighter. (2010) Fact-based drama. With Mark Wahlberg and an Oscar-winning Christian Bale.
1.30 The Last Leg. (R) **2.25 Hollyoaks.** (R) **4.30 You Deserve This House.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.35 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R) **10.10 Cowboy Builders.** (R) **11.00 Cowboy Builders.** (R) **11.55 Cowboy Builders.** (R) **12.55 Film: Cahill, US Marshal.** (1973) Western, starring John Wayne. **2.55 Film: Rio Lobo.** (1970) Howard Hawks' Western, with John Wayne and Jorge Rivero. **5.05 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** (R)
6.05 Can't Pay? Benefits Special. A special edition of the documentary series exploring the work of High Court Enforcement agents focusing specifically on moments in which they are called to recover homes, goods and cash from the people often considered the most vulnerable in British society. Among the cases highlighted are those of a single mother struggling with debts totaling more than £45,000, an aggressive debtor recovering from a brain tumour who refuses to pay his dues, and a hard-working young nurse who is desperately seeking a home for her young family, but is facing opposition from landlords who are not keen to let their properties to people dependent on housing benefits. (R)
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Australia. Highlights of the third day's play in the Fourth Ashes Test at Trent Bridge, a venue at which the tourists had not tasted victory for 14 years.
7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 Killer Landscapes. Exploring natural disasters and some of the biggest and slips ever recorded, including the deadly landslide in Oso, Washington in March 2014 which slammed into the neighbourhood.
9.00 Football League Tonight. New series. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's opening round of matches, including Sheffield Wednesday v Bristol City and Leeds United v Burnley in the Championship, as well as all the goals from League One and League Two. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and managers.
10.25 The Best of Bad TV. The series revisiting spectacular small-screen gaffs continues. (R)
11.50 Access. (R)
12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10 Transporter: The Series.** **4.00 Police Interceptors.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth. **7.15 Don't Tell the Bride.** **8.15 Film: StreetDance 2** (2012) **9.35 Live at the Apollo.** **10.35 Russell Howard's Good News.** **11.05 Family Guy.** **1.20 People Just Do Nothing.** **1.50 Russell Howard's Good News.** **2.20 Crims.** **3.45 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth.** **4.00 Close**
BBC Four
7.00 Lost Land of the Volcano. **8.00 Natural World Special: Attenborough's Ark.** **9.00 The Young Montalbano.** **10.55 The Irish Rock Story: A Tale of Two Cities.** **11.55 Irish Rock at the BBC.** **12.55 Sings the Great American Songbook.** **1.55 Lost Land of the Volcano.** **2.55 Natural World Special: Attenborough's Ark.** **3.55 Close**
ITV2
11.35 Take Me Out. **12.45 Film: Dragonheart** (1996) **2.50 Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed** (2004) **4.40 Film: The Mummy Returns** (2001) **7.05 Film: Jack and Jill** (2011) **9.00 Film: The Shawshank Redemption** (1994) **11.50 Film: The Matrix** (1999) **2.30 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records.** **2.55 Teleshopping.** **5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen**
ITV3
1.05 Agatha Christie's Marple. **3.10 Film: Mummy on the Buses** (1972) **5.00 Film: Columbo: Now You See Him** (1976) **6.55 Doc Martin.** **8.00 Lewis.** **10.00 Agatha Christie's Marple.** **12.00 Wire in the Blood.** **1.35 Wycliffe.** **2.25 ITV3 Nightscreen** **2.30 Teleshopping**
ITV4
1.55 Film: Ice Cold in Alex (1958) **4.35 British Superbike Championship Highlights.** **5.35 Storage Wars: New York.** **6.25 Film: Live and Let Die** (1973) **9.00 Film: Octopussy** (1983) **11.40 Film: The Black Windmill** (1974) **1.50 I Want That Car.** **2.40 Movies Now.** **2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen.** **3.00 Teleshopping**
E4
1.00 The Goldbergs. **2.00 How I Met Your Mother.** **3.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine.** **3.30 The Big Bang Theory.** **9.00 Film: Insidious** (2010) **11.05 Gogglebox.** **12.40 Rude Tube.** **1.45 Virtually Famous.** **2.30 How I Met Your Mother.** **3.15 The Cleveland Show.** **3.55 Made in Chelsea.** Does Come Dine with Me **4.50 Revenge**
Film4
11.00 Just Wright (2010) **1.00 Johnny English Reborn** (2011) **3.10 Aliens in the Attic** (2009) **4.55 The Iron Giant** (1999) **6.35 Iron Man** (2008) **9.00 Bridesmaids** (2011) **11.25 Red Lights** (2012) **1.40 Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (2011) **3.35 Close**

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6.40pm Zumba
7.45pm Pilates

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6.15pm Zumba
7.20pm Insanity

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Anna Friel

Odyssey (BBC2, 9pm)
Odelle and Aslam leave the safe house and head to Algeria, while Luc remains behind, fearing their plan is doomed. While on the road, they receive devastating news from a radio report of Frank's attack on Shakir Khan. Diallo seeks revenge, but his actions leave his soldiers troubled. Bob edges ever closer to discovering the truth regarding Ruby's true identity, and Senator Darnell puts pressure on Harrison. Elsewhere, Peter makes a deal with the Societal Mining CEO as his marriage suffers, and Suzanne makes a new friend. Peter Facinelli, Anna Friel, Jake Robinson, Jim True-Frost, Sadie Sink and Omar Ghazaoui star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.40 Match of the Day. (R) **9.00 BBC News. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer.** (R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.15 Flog It!** (R) **2.00 Escape to the Continent. 3.00 Animal Odd Couples.** (R) **4.00 The Great British Bake Off.** (R) **5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.35 Earth's Natural Wonders: Living on the Edge.** (R) **6.35 BBC News. 6.50 Regional Programme. 7.00 Countryfile.** John Craven visits Llandudno, to see what has made it a beloved British holiday destination for over a century. He meets a former farmer who is restoring the town's Victorian pier, talks to conservationists on the hunt for a rare butterfly and visits the UK's oldest Punch and Judy show. Plus, a look back at some of the best summer holiday ideas featured on the show, including paddle boarding in Dorset and the 50th anniversary of the Penine Way. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00 Fake or Fortune?** Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate the complex and controversial stories surrounding the origins of supposedly valuable works of art from around the world, discovering how to identify the handwork of master forgers and revealing the better battles that occur in the seemingly genteel art world. (R) **9.00 Partners in Crime.** Part three of three. Tuppence ponders the cryptic message she discovered in the Soho den, while Tommy is taken to a remote location by Brown's gang after his cover is blown, and forced to steal a secret file from Carter by threatening the life of his son. Tommy and Tuppence discover evidence that will prove Brown's identity, but it is taken from them by Julius. The couple face a race against time to unmask the evil mastermind and foil the assassination of a visiting American dignitary of incredible importance to the British government. **10.00 BBC News. 10.20 Regional Programme. 10.30 Match of the Day 2. 11.40 Film: The Lookout.** (2007) **1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.20 BBC News.**

BBC2

7.00 The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.45 Countryfile.** (R) **8.45 Gardeners' World.** (R) **9.15 The Beechgrove Garden. 9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.15 Great British Menu.** (R) **11.45 Great British Menu.** (R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra. 1.00 Film: A Distant Trumpet.** (1984) **2.55 Two Tribes. 3.25 Live Swimming: World Championships. 5.30 The Olympic Journey: How Far, How Fast? 6.00 Hair.** The four semi-finalists create styles inspired by nature, before they all take part in the Eliminator and have to carry out their first haircut – an A-line bob. (R) **6.30 Hair.** Three competitors take part in the grand final, creating avant garde haircuts at a wedding fair and styling the hair of real brides on their big days. Last in the series. (R) **7.00 Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways.** The historian examines how the expansion of the railways influenced working conditions, proved a valuable global export and even changed the way war was waged. Last in the series. (R) **8.00 Dragons' Den.** A technology entrepreneur brings a sports car into the studio to demonstrate a security app, while a pair of hoteliers and a luxury chocolate company seek investment. **9.00 Odyssey.** News of Frank's attack on Shakir Khan hits Odelle and Aslam hard, while Bob edges ever closer to discovering the truth and Senator Darnell puts pressure on Harrison. **9.45 The Javone Prince Show.** More stand-up comedy and sketches, including a Real Talk report on Britain's latest street gang. Plus, Javone finds out what Omar really thinks of him. Last in the series. **10.15 Family Guy.** Peter throws Jesus a birthday party. **10.35 Family Guy.** Brian's estranged TV star son Dylan turns up in Quahog. **11.00 Family Guy.** Peter forms a relationship with an elderly friend of his late mother. **11.20 Film: Up There.** (2012) Premiere. A spirit charged with escorting the recently deceased to the afterlife ends up losing a soul somewhere in a seaside town. Comic fantasy, with Burn Gorman. **12.35 Film: Deceived.** (1991) **2.20 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R) **3.15 Holby City.** (R) **4.15 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.45 Dino Dan.** (R) **7.00 Canimals.** (R) **7.15 Sooty.** (R) **7.30 Super 4.** (R) **7.45 Fish Hooks. 8.00 Young Justice: Invasion.** (R) **8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **12.25 ITV News: Weather. 12.35 Love Your Garden.** (R) **1.35 Film: Columbo: Now You See Him.** (1976) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.25 Film: Never Say Never Again.** (1983) James Bond adventure, starring Sean Connery. **6.00 Off Their Rockers.** More fearless senior citizens play pranks on the public, including one OAP who attempts escapology for the first time – while another falls his Zimmer-frame walking stick. (R) **6.30 Regional Programme: Weather. 6.45 ITV News: Weather. 7.00 Nature Nuts with Julian Clary.** Julian swims with Britain's largest carnivorous mammal in the Farne Islands, helps to capture tawny owls and dormice on film, and investigates wildlife in his own home. **8.00 Midsomer Murders.** When a pub landlady is crushed to death by a giant box during a magic show organised by famous illusionist Gideon Latimer, pathologist Kate discovers the cables had been deliberately sabotaged. Evangelising curate Andrew Maplin claims the tragedy is God's vengeance for the pagan traditions still held deep in Midsomer Oaks, but Barnaby and Nelson fear Gideon was the real target. Neil Dudgeon, Gwilym Lee and Tamzin Malletson star in the murder mystery, with Joe Absolom, Andrew-Lee Potts, Justin Salinger, Amanda Burton and Stephanie Leonidas. (R) **10.00 ITV News: Weather. 10.15 The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One.** Looking at the 1980s – a defining decade in both pop and fashion. Features interviews with 80s icons such as Spandau Ballet and Madness. Zoe Ball narrates. (R) **11.45 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Neil Morrissey.** (R) **12.40 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 4.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **7.00 British GT. 7.30 Army Road Races. 8.30 Frasier.** (R) **9.00 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.15 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year 2015.** (R) **1.30 The Simpsons.** (R) **2.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **2.30 The Simpsons.** (R) **3.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **3.25 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.** (R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location.** (R) **5.35 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. 6.00 Channel 4 News. 6.30 The Damhirsts' Great Escape: Secret History.** Dubbed "The Beast" by Winston Churchill, Tirpitz was Nazi Germany's most powerful battleship. Protected by an elite squadron of fighters, it was seen as invincible, but after 34 failed attempts to sink it, the RAF sent in the 617 "Dambusters" Squadron and 9 Squadron. In a raid in November 1944 they managed to slip through enemy defences and destroy Tirpitz. With eyewitness accounts from surviving RAF crew, one of the Luftwaffe fighter pilots and German sailors, this documentary tells this extraordinary story and offers new evidence to explain the mission's improbable success. (R) **8.00 Experimental.** Tim Shaw and Buddy Munro experiment with water skiing behind a ferry, trying to outrace an underground train and attempting to keep hold of a high pressure hose. Last in the series. **9.00 Film: Life of Pi.** (2012) Premiere. A writer interviews a man about the extraordinary events of his life. He describes his childhood in India, living in the zoo run by his father, and how the family and their animals were forced to relocate to Canada when he was a teenager. However, during the sea voyage, the ship sank and he was left adrift in a small boat with a ferocious tiger. Ang Lee's adventure based on Yann Martel's novel, starring Suraj Sharma. **11.30 Film: Broken City.** (2013) A New York private eye hired to find out if the mayor's wife is having an affair discovers a web of political corruption. Crime thriller, with Mark Wahlberg. **1.25 Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits. 2.10 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **4.30 Double Your House for Half the Money.** (R) **5.30 Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20 Pip Ahoy!** (R) **6.30 The Mr Men Show.** (R) **6.40 Chloe's Closet.** (R) **6.55 Make Way for Noddy.** (R) **7.05 Paw Patrol. 7.20 Little Princess.** (R) **7.35 Wanda and the Alien.** (R) **7.45 Zack and Quack. 8.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **8.15 Jelly Jamm.** (R) **8.35 LazyTown.** (R) **9.00 Dora and Friends.** (R) **9.30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R) **10.05 Football League Tonight.** (R) **11.35 Police Interceptors.** (R) **12.30 Police Interceptors.** (R) **1.30 Film: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.** (2009) Animated comedy, with the voice of Bill Hader. **3.10 Film: Getting Even with Dad.** (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin and Ted Danson. **5.20 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked.** (2011) **6.55 5 News Weekend. 7.00 Cricket on 5.** England v Australia. Action from the fourth day of the Fourth Ashes Test at Trent Bridge in Nottingham. The Aussies are looking for a first away Ashes series win since 2001, and the odds may be good should they come away with victory here, as their last triumph on this ground also clinched that series 14 years ago. Eventual man of the series Ian Bell reached a century for the home side on this day of the Nottingham Test in 2013, before being caught by Brad Haddin off the bowling of Mitchell Starc for 109. Mark Nicholas presents and also provides commentary alongside Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes. **8.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones.** Mac pulls over a car and finds a box packed with cannabis, officers discover a lock-up for stolen vehicles and a car thief violates the rules of the road. (R) **9.00 Film: Takers.** (2010) Premiere. Five bank robbers are reunited with an old partner in crime just out of prison, who presents them with a plan for a lucrative armoured car robbery. As the crooks arrange what will be their final heist, a determined police officer is closing in on them. Crime thriller, starring Paul Walker, Matt Dillon, Idris Elba, Hayden Christensen and Zoe Saldana. **11.10 Film: The Losers.** (2010) **1.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 Under the Dome.** (R) **4.00 House Doctor.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear. 8.00 Don't Tell the Bride. 9.00 Film: The Mexican (2001) **10.55 Russell Howard's Good News. 11.20 Family Guy. 12.05 American Dad! 12.30 Family Guy. 12.50 People Just Do Nothing. 1.20 Don't Tell the Bride 2.20 The Unbreakables: Life and Love on Disability Campus. 3.20 People Just Do Nothing. 3.50 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth. 4.00 Close**
BBC Four
7.00 BBC Proms Sunday Symphony. 8.30 Brushing Up On – British Towns. 9.00 Atomic: Living in Dread and Promise: Storyville. 10.10 The Sky at Night. 10.40 Chalkie Davies: Rock Photographer. 11.10 Sinatra: All or Nothing at All. 12.10 Friday Night at the Proms: Seth MacFarlane Sings Sinatra. 1.30 Doris Day: Virgin Territory. 2.30 Atomic: Living in Dread and Promise: Storyville. 3.40 Close
BBC Two
2.35 Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **4.25 Film: Nanny MacPhee** (2005) **6.15 Film: The Amazing Spider-Man** (2012) **9.00 Film: 21 Jump Street** (2012) **11.10 Sawford. 11.55 Film: The Faculty** (1998) **2.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records. 2.20 Teleshopping. 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen. 12.15 Film: Finding Neverland** (2004) **2.20 Wycliffe. 3.35 Bertie and Elizabeth. 5.40 Inspector Morse. 8.00 Hotel in the Clouds. 9.00 Inside Asprey: Luxury by Royal Appointment. 10.00 Birds of a Feather. 10.30 Northern Lights. 11.35 Agatha Christie's Marple. 1.30 Blue Murder. 2.40 ITV3 Nightscreen. 3.50 Teleshopping. 4.40 Film: Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian** (2009) **6.35 The Big Bang Theory. 9.00 Rude Tube. 10.50 Gogglebox. 11.40 Tattoo Fixers. 12.00 Film: Friday the 13th** (2009) **2.40 Rules of Engagement. 3.25 Hollyoaks. 4.40 Film: The Mark of Zorro** (1940) **1.00 Millions** (2004) **2.55 My Neighbour Totoro** (1988) **4.40 Dragonball Evolution** (2009) **6.20 The Karate Kid** (2010) **9.00 Bullet to the Head** (2012) **10.45 The Rise** (2012) **12.55 Ikiru** (1952) **3.50 Close**

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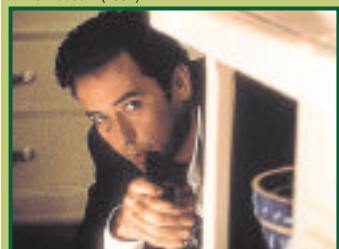
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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Dangerous Company, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A successful businesswoman has a charmed life – a good career and a happy marriage – until one day things start to unravel. As she starts misplacing things, loses track of time and even fails to recognise her husband, it seems she has inherited the dementia that killed her mother – but it turns out something more sinister is at play, leaving her desperate to prove her sanity. Thriller, starring Alicia Leigh Willis, Rick Ravanello and Melissa Marty. (2015)

TUESDAY
The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, BBC1, 11.25pm
A doctor is caught molesting a patient and commits suicide, after which his wife has a miscarriage. She blames his victim for her losses and plans to get revenge, infiltrating the unsuspecting woman's house as a nanny and playing twisted mind games to destroy her life. Thriller, starring Rebecca De Mornay, Annabella Sciorra, Julianne Moore, Matt McCoy and Ernie Hudson. (1992)



Grosse Pointe Blank, Friday, BBC1, 11.35pm

WEDNESDAY
Black Widow, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Photojournalist Melanie becomes jealous when her wealthy male friend gets engaged. But as she tries to dig up some dirt on his fiancée, she realises her love rival may actually be a murderer, who has married a series of rich men and killed them to claim their money. Thriller, starring Elizabeth Berkley. (2008)

THURSDAY
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, BBC2, 12pm
A washed-up American football player tormented by the death of a friend faces a difficult reunion with his dying father. Drama, starring Paul Newman. (1958)

FRIDAY
Grosse Pointe Blank, BBC1, 11.35pm
A hitman takes the chance to combine his latest assassination job with a trip back to his home town for a school reunion. The occasion starts to get complicated when an old flame turns up and rekindles their lost romance – while a rival killer harasses him to join an assassins' union. Black comedy drama, starring John Cusack. (1997)

Jimmy faces a burning issue in the Highlands

What do Septoo and Son, Last of the Summer Wine, The Liver Birds, Up Pompeii, Till Death Do Us Part and Are You Being Served? have in common?

Well, in addition to being among some of the best-loved and most successful sitcoms in the BBC archives, they all started life as episodes of Comedy Playhouse.

The anthology, which aired between 1961 and 1975, featured one-off comedy pilots, with the best-received being turned into full series.

Of course, not every episode went on to be a fondly remembered classic – Shamrot, On the Knocker, or Barnaby Rook and the Exploding Whoopee Cushion, anyone? – but the hit rate was high enough for the BBC to revive the format last year with three more pilots.

And now one of them, Miller's Mountain, has been renamed Mountain Goats and give a six-part run – and some may think that given the Comedy Playhouse track record, it's got a lot to live up.

Luckily, the signs are promising as

the new series does have a great cast in its favour, including Sharon Rooney, who is probably best known for her acclaimed performance as troubled Rae in E4's My Mad Fat Diary.

She's certainly enjoying her latest role, especially as it's provided her with a change of pace.

She told Radio Times: "Comedy has been nice to do because My Mad Fat Diary was quite emotional. I don't think I've ever laughed so much on a job. They gave us an outtake video and we're laughing on it the whole time."

Hopefully, the audience will be just as amused. For those who missed the pilot, the series is described by the BBC as "an energetic studio sitcom set around the antics of a ragtag group of Mountain Rescue volunteers. Set in the Highlands, the series takes us from pub to hillside as our ramshackle family try to save walkers, climbers, dogs and, most often, themselves."

In particular, it focuses on the young, enthusiastic, and more than a

little naïve Connor (Kevin Mains), who has just joined the team. He's learning under the supposedly watchful eye of Jimmy (Jimmy Chisholm), who is an old hand – although organisation is not his strong point.

Other characters include Bernie (Kathryn Howden), the team's head of operations, and Jules (Rooney), a no-nonsense barmaid – in fact, one of the most striking aspects of the pilot was that for a show about mountain rescue, a surprising amount of the action took place in the pub.

We're promised some location filming in the series proper, so we may get a better sense of the great outdoors.

In this first episode, Connor continues to learn the ropes, but his mum isn't particularly happy about his new career... and no wonder, given that Jimmy proves he can't really be trusted with his own safety after he burns his house down.

Is Connor's first rescue mission going to be finding a new home for his fellow rescuer?



Jimmy Chisholm (left) stars in Mountain Goats, Friday, BBC1, 10.35pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Flying to the Ends of the Earth Channel 4, 8pm

Arthur Williams travels to the deserts of northern Australia, the islands of the Coral Sea and the jungles of Papua New Guinea, where flying is the only way in and out. He first visits a couple running a cattle station almost as big as Wales, where helicopters round up thousands of cows in a risky aerial ballet, before flying on to meet the Turner family, who bought their own desert island in the Coral Sea in 1985. Finally, Arthur joins the flying missionaries of Papua, who brave perilous jungle airstrips to bring supplies.

Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild Channel 5, 9pm

The ever-affable adventurer's latest series draws to a close with a trip to French Polynesia in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean, a place rarely explored by humans. But two people who love it there and knows it better than most is 47-year-old Brit Rick and his 33-year-old Slovenian girlfriend Jasna. Unlike previous participants in the series, Rick and Jasna don't live in a shack on dry land – they describe themselves as sea gypsies, who wander the ocean in a tiny sailing boat. Ben learns more about their lifestyle by finding out how to free-dive

to drop anchor, preserve the food their catch and how to make wine. He also gets up close and personal with some of the creatures who share the environment with Rick and Jasna.

TUESDAY
Love Your Garden ITV, 8pm

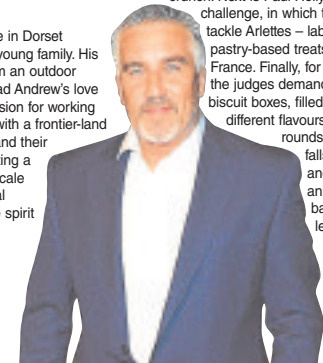
Alan Titchmarsh and the team are in Dorset creating an exciting garden for a young family. His idea for the Drakes is to give them an outdoor space that reflects terminally ill dad Andrew's love of the great outdoors and his passion for working with wood. He opts for a garden with a frontier-land theme that Andrew, wife Rachel and their young son Lucas can enjoy, creating a prairie-inspired back yard of big scale rustic wood structures, agricultural motifs with craftsmanship and the spirit of adventure at its core.

WEDNESDAY
The Great British Bake Off BBC1, 8pm

With the cake week completed, and one of their number already eliminated from the competition, the 11 remaining home bakers

must now prove their skill at making biscuits, a task that can be deceptively difficult, and one that has undone many a confident Bake Off contestant in the past. The opening signature challenge this week is to create 24 biscotti, Italian delicacies that must be baked twice to deliver the perfect crisp crunch. Next is Paul Hollywood's technical challenge, in which the contestants tackle Arlettes – labour-intensive, puff pastry-based treats from southwest France. Finally, for the showstopper, the judges demand bespoke edible biscuit boxes, filled with 36 biscuits of different flavours. After all three rounds have concluded, it falls to Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins to announce which of the bakers will be asked to leave the tent.

THURSDAY
Who Do You Think You Are? BBC1, 9pm
Every time a new run of the genealogy



Who Do You Think You Are?, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm

series is announced, viewers are left wondering who will be featured on it. After all this time and so many editions, some have suggested that the show must be running out of steam and that the celebrities will soon be Z-listers rather than bona fide stars. However, the programme's researchers keep coming up trumps – and if you need proof of that check out the list of luminaries set to grace this, the 12th season. Great British Bake Off star Paul Hollywood (who is the first celeb to appear), model Jerry Hall, Last Tango in Halifax cohorts Derek Jacobi and Anne Reid, polymath Mark Gatiss, actresses Frances de la Tour and Jane Seymour, choirmaster Gareth Malone, journalist Frank Gardner and presenter Anita Rani will all feature.

FRIDAY
Would I Lie to You? BBC1, 8.30pm

No sooner has she left The One Show sofa, the ubiquitous Alex Jones is back, this time on the panel show in which participants attempt to hoodwink their opponents with absurd facts and plausible lies about themselves. It's all in good fun, and host Rob Brydon and team captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack know how to squeeze the maximum amount of laughter from each absurd suggestion.

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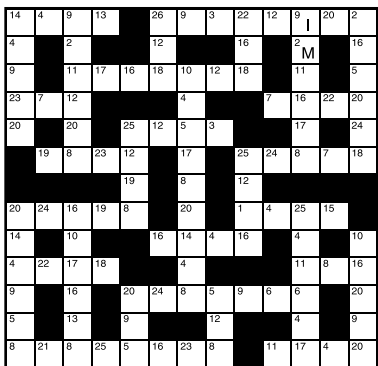
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

H	B	I	W	E	L	D	F	T	N	R	X	O
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

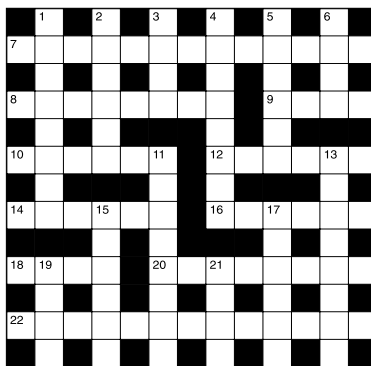
Cryptic Clues:

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- After which one might steal cook's thunder? (5,2,3,3)
- Low dance game (8)
- Liquid container used in battle (4)
- Healthier craftsman (6)
- Laid roughly around similar points, and away from the coast (6)
- Gas ten representatives (6)
- The beginner must be good! (6)
- Find fault with the fish (4)
- Evidence of birds drinking? (8)
- Irrelevant and not quite on target (6,3,4)

Down

- 100 with a tendency towards charwoman's work (8)
- Agree with the way it was despatched (6)
- Mail for South American capital (4)
- Horse is not all out (8)
- Learnt about hire charge (6)
- Mother is at home on the high seas (4)
- Side rest, having been in opposition (8)
- A job well done in the South of France? (4,4)
- Serviette taken from relations after short sleep (6)
- A measure of the book's contents? (6)
- Help place a wager (4)
- A chemist has the pain first (4)



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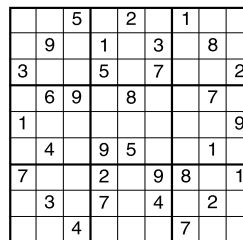
Across

- Shameful (13)
- Clergyman (8)
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- Captain (6)
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- Applaud (4)
- Power (8)
- Loan (13)

Down

- Lessen (8)
- Flourish (6)
- Item (4)
- Protecting (8)
- Box (6)
- Facile (4)
- Irritating (8)
- Kinsman (8)
- Spread out (6)
- Set on fire (6)
- Shortage (4)
- Coarse (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Fall; 8 Apostrophe; 9 Reappear; 10 Cast; 12 Patent; 14 Errors; 15 Missed; 17 Scorns; 18 Snow; 19 Currents; 21 Overlooked; 22 Step. Down: 2 Alteration; 3 Lamp; 4 Potent; 5 Starve; 6 Concerto; 7 Beat; 11 Springtime; 13 Eastward; 16 Doctor; 17 Strike; 18 Spot; 20 Ends. QUICK - Across: 1 Lass; 8 Unavailing; 9 Pavement; 10 Used; 12 Divert; 14 Raider; 15 Insert; 17 Create; 18 Debt; 19 Overturn; 21 Accomplish; 22 Meek. Down: 2 At variance; 3 Sure; 4 Lament; 5 Banter; 6 Illumine; 7 Aged; 11 Electorate; 13 Erection; 16 Troupe; 17 Credit; 18 Deal; 20 Teem.

Quiz

- In which Australian state is Ayers Rock?
- What is killer Albert De Salvo better known as?
- What are Limburger and Camembert?
- Who was the wife of Othello?
- Who created Winnie-the-Pooh?
- What Roman goddess is equivalent to the Greek Aphrodite?
- In which city is the Uffizi art gallery?
- What in France is the TGV?
- On what island was Napoleon first exiled?
- Which country produces Saab cars and missiles?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Belgian; 2 1929; 3 Ventriloquism;

4 Yoko Ono; 5 Astronomy; 6 Jethro Tull;

7 Little; 8 Spain; 9 Argentina; 10 Radio

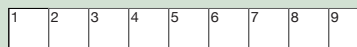
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Niner: ALONGSIDE

Niner

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772 gives a second fish,
6899345 gives a third fish.



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Refurbished semi-detached within walking distance of the village centre. Accommodation comprises reception, hall, lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, integrated appliances, laundry, ground floor cloaks, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, double glazed, good sized private gardens and carpeted throughout
OFFERS BASED ON: £159,950

GORNAL ASH GROVE



Modern spacious detached bungalow within walking distance of the village centre and standing on a good sized plot. Luxury accommodation comprises lounge separate dining room-conservatory-breakfast kitchen-two bedrooms with en-suite to master-bathroom garage-private garden-immaculate throughout
OFFERS BASED ON: £209,950

GORNAL ST CHADS CLOSE



Modern detached bungalow situated in a quiet Cul-de-sac location within walking distance of the village centre. Well maintained accommodation comprises Lounge/Diner-fitted kitchen-one bedroom-bathroom-double glazed. Private gardens and side elevation parking/garage space.
OFFERS BASED ON £127,500

GORNAL SANDSTONE CLOSE



SANDSTONE CLOSE
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SEDGLEY, Cotwall End Road

Gas centrally heated, detached family residence constructed in the immediate post war years to an exacting specification with period features distant views. Requiring some sympathetic updating the property comprises: hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, pantry, verandah, FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom, toilet, 'drive through' 18ft garage, wide front garden, garden. EPC: E SEDGLEY.



SEDGLEY, Wolverhampton Road

Fantastically presented detached property set in highly desirable area of Sedgley. This EXTENDED family home benefits from uPVC double glazing, gas central heating, FOUR BEDROOMS, two good-sized reception rooms, beautifully presented breakfast-kitchen, utility, guest W/C, conservatory, stunning family bathroom, en suite shower room to bedroom three Garage, enclosed rear garden, driveway to front. EPC: D SEDGLEY



NETHERTON, Church Road

THIS SUBSTANTIAL & STYLISHLY DECORATED, FOUR BEDROOM, DETACHED PROPERTY comprises: Porch, Hall, Guests Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Four Bedrooms (Master En-Suite), Family Bathroom, DOUBLE GARAGE, Garden. EPC: D

New price

WAS £340,000...NOW £320,000

Offers in the region of £284,950

Offers in the Region Of £229,950



SEDGLEY, Sunningdale Road, Northway

ENVIALE LOCATION! Backing onto fields and with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS a conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached with tremendous potential in favoured 'backwater' location. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, through living/dining room, kitchen, utility room. Three bedrooms, bathroom, generous garage, gardens. EPC: E SEDGLEY



SEDGLEY, Tipton Road

Spacious, modernised, centrally heated (combi boiler), double glazed inter war semi detached of character within level walking distance of the Bullring comprising: porch, hall, dining room with bay (original fireplace), separate lounge, verandah, cellar, upgraded kitchen, utility section and cloaks. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lengthy driveway to a detached 19ft brick garage, secluded garden. EPC: E SEDGLEY



SEDGLEY, Ashen Close, Northway

ENVIAIRY SITUATED backing on to open fields. Gas centrally heated, double glazed detached bungalow that has been upgraded, with PLANNING CONSENT for rear extension comprising: hallway, cloaks, refitted kitchen, 17'4" living/dining room, inner hallway, store, two bedrooms (both with fitted units & principal bedroom with patio doors out to the garden), bathroom. Gated driveway, garage, and sheltered rear garden. EPC: D SEDGLEY



Stourbridge, Old Quarter, Cathcart Road

TREE LINED ADDRESS lovely Old Quarter address: This TRADITIONAL FAMILY HOME requires updating but has much potential. Offers GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING and comprises: Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedroom, Bathroom and Enclosed Garden. NO CHAIN. EPC: D



SEDGLEY, Dormston Drive

Situated within walking distance of Bull Ring: a gas radiator centrally heated, uPVC double glazed detached comprising: hallway, cloaks, 24'5" through living/dining room, kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom, block paving, garden. EPC: D SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £209,950

Offers in the region of £189,950

Offers in the region of £189,950

No upward chain

£189,950

New price

WAS £160,950...NOW £159,995



PENSNETT, Corbyns Hall Road

TRADITIONAL & MODERNISED, SEMI-DETACHED HOME having THREE BEDROOMS and a STUNNING KITCHEN WITH EXTENDED DINING AREA. Also comprising: Hall, Utility, Lounge, Guests W.C. Contemporary Bathroom, Driveway, Pretty Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC: D



QUARRY BANK, Malpass Road

THIS THOUGHTFULLY EXTENDED & WELL PRESENTED, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME comprises: Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Conservatory, Guests Cloakroom, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS, Family Bathroom, Driveway & Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN! EPC: F



LANESFIELD, Rookery Road

A significantly modernised, ENLARGED, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached briefly comprising: reception hall, store, lounge with bay, dining room, 13'2" kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy 24'9" garage with block paved driveway and a secluded/level rear garden. EPC: D SEDGLEY



PENSNETT, Broad Street

Encompassing an IMPRESSIVE KITCHEN and a THREE GENEROUS BEDROOMS, this SEMI-DETACHED HOME would make a GREAT FAMILY HOME. The property also comprises: Hall, Stylish Lounge, Family Bathroom, Large Tarmac Driveway, Garage, Pretty Garden. EPC:



WOODCROSS, Pugh Road

Tremendously modernised, completely refurbished! gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' to a fine specification in recent months briefly comprising: hall, lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, understairs store, cloakroom. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom. GARAGE, garden. EPC: D SEDGLEY

£144,950

Offers in Excess of £139,950

Offers in the region of £138,000

£134,950

Offers in the region of £129,500



PENSNETT, Commonside

This SPACIOUS, PERIOD STYLE, SEMI-DETACHED HOME is seen to comprise: Hall, Cellar, Dining Room, Stylish Sitting Room, Modern Kitchen, Guests W.C. Two Large Bedrooms, Stunning Bathroom, Versatile Loft Space & large rear garden. EPC: F



LOWER GORNAL, Boundary Hill

EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, majority double glazed semi detached within walking distance of village & having block paved off road parking comprising: porch, hallway, cloakroom, 16 ft lounge and brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, extended/upgraded 17 ft kitchen; THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Wider than average garden, good distant views. EPC: D SEDGLEY



LOWER GORNAL, Deepdale Lane

Spacious, modernised, gas centrally heated, double glazed terrace with panoramic distant views comprising: sitting room, cellarge, dining room (with open fire place), enlarged 17'6" breakfast kitchen (granite work surfaces 'Belfast' sink), refitted bathroom with white classic style suite. TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite), further potential, gardens. EPC: E SEDGLEY



LOWER GORNAL, Wealdstone Drive

A delightfully presented property situated in the popular area of Lower Gornal, benefitting from UPVC double glazing, part gas central heating, entrance hall way, guest W/C, living room, kitchen-diner, THREE BEDROOMS, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garden to front. Ideal first time buyer property. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY



QUARRY BANK, Winding Mill South

THIS SUPERBLY PRESENTED & SPACIOUS, THREE BEDROOM PROPERTY comprises: Porch, Lovely Sitting Room, Dining Room, Well Fitted Kitchen, Three Generous Bedrooms, Modern Shower Room, Attractive Garden, Garage, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. EPC: F

£118,950

Offers in the region of £118,000

Offers in the region of £118,000

Offers in the Region of £117,500

£109,995

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LOWER GORNAL, Winrush Close
SPACIOUS, stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed four (potentially five) bedroom detached convenient for the village with lengthy garden & distant views. Accommodation set over three floors provides; hall, cloaks, family room/alternative bedroom, lounge, kitchen, dining room, conservatory. Four bedrooms (principal with en suite), bathroom, garden. EPC :C SEDGLEY



LOWER GORNAL, Haslingden Crescent
NO UPWARD CHAIN. RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED! THREE DOUBLE BEDROOM detached by David Wilson Homes with panoramic distant views. Stylish gas centrally heated, double glazed accommodation provides hall, cloakroom, breakfast kitchen, lounge (with double French doors out to garden), THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (with en-suite to principal bedroom), bathroom. Garage, garden. EPC C. SEDGLEY



TIPTON, Woodcroft Avenue
A well-proportioned, traditional detached residence situated in a popular area of Tipton a benefiting from, UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, porch, entrance hall, living room, L-shaped lounge-diner, good-sized kitchen, ground-floor bathroom, TWO BEDROOMS, shower room, integral garage, enclosed rear garden, driveway and garden to front. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY OFFICE.

Offers in the region of £229,000

Offers in the region of £212,000

Offers in the Region of £174,950



LOWER GORNAL, Cinder Road
An attractive spacious and enlarged freehold gas centrally heated and primarily UPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured district. Accommodation includes porch, reception hall, lounge/dining room, UPVC CONSERVATORY, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom ample parking, delightful good size garden. EPC rating TBC. SEDGLEY OFFICE



LOWER GORNAL, Grosvenor Road
This surprisingly large and extremely well presented UPVC double glazed gas centrally heated detached dormer style BUNGALOW situated in the popular Lower Gornal area and benefits from entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, THREE BEDROOMS (en suite to master), two large garages, front and rear gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY



COSELEY, Maslin Drive, Hurst Hill
A 'refreshed' freehold, gas centrally and uPVC double glazed detached bungalow conveniently situated in 'quiet backwater'. Accommodation: entrance hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen, LARGE CONSERVATORY, two bedrooms, shower room, extensive parking, brick garage, good size secluded garden. EPC. D. SEDGLEY



LOWER GORNAL, Straits Road
IMMEDIATE WALKING DISTANCE OF VILLAGE!, a conscientiously maintained, significantly improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising: reception hall, fitted cloakroom, 17 ft living/dining room, upgraded kitchen, outer porch, Garage (utilised as additional living room). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet. Block paved driveway, ample gardens. EPC: D SEDGLEY



COSELEY, Jevon Street
SO CONVENIENT! - Within immediate walking distance of Roseville centre a highly individual, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed DETACHED with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation provides hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge (with double French doors out to garden), dining room, store, kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom. Substantial brick garage, sheltered garden. EPC: D SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £155,000

Offers in the Region of £154,950

New price WAS £159,995...NOW £154,950

Offers in the Region of £150,000

Offers in the region of £150,000



WOLVERHAMPTON, Ettingshall Park, Grosvenor Road
WITH POTENTIAL! A mostly gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and UPVC double glazed (as seen) semi detached requiring further modernisation and improvement works. Porch, hall, store, 23'1" through living/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, lengthy 22'4" garage, secluded garden (in need of attention). EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY



DUDLEY, London Heights
A fabulously sized and well presented, extended family home benefiting from UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, THREE BEDROOMS, L-shaped through-lounge, extended kitchen, family bathroom, integral garage, enclosed rear garden, driveway and garden to fore. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY OFFICE



SEDGLEY, North Springfield
This extended intermediate property is situated in the popular area of Sedgley and benefits from gas central heating, FOUR BEDROOMS, porch, living room, kitchen-diner, dining room, ground-floor wet room, garden room, family bathroom, off road parking, enclosed rear garden, NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY



LOWER GORNAL, Garden Walk
SPACIOUS, intermediate "Cottage" of character (with rear access) set in quiet backwater within walking distance of the village. The delightful, quaint, well presented, gas centrally heated, and uPVC double glazed accommodation provides: dining room, 16'3" lounge, upgraded kitchen, lobby, utility and bathroom, Two LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, separate toilet. LENGTHY GARDEN with rear access. EPC: E. SEDGLEY



NETHERTON, Clarence Road
This SPACIOUS, STYLISHLY DECORATED, THREE BEDROOM PROPERTY would make a FANTASTIC FAMILY HOME. Comprising: Hall, Guests Cloakroom, Attractive Sitting Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, Modern Bathroom, HUGE REAR GARDEN. NO UPWARD CHAIN! EPC: F

Offers in the Region of £128,000

Offers in the Region of £124,950

Offers in the Region of £124,950

Offers in the region of £120,000

New price £119,950



NETHERTON, Wharf Mews
THIS BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT has lovely views of the nearby CANAL and comprises: Hall, Sitting Room, Modern Kitchen, Two Bedrooms (Master with En-Suite), Bathroom, Allocated/Visitor Parking, Pretty Communal Grounds. EPC C



QUARRY BANK, Bower Lane
A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE A UNIQUE, PERIOD, END TERRACE PROPERTY with OFF ROAD PARKING AND A LARGE REAR GARDEN. Also comprising: THREE RECEPTION ROOMS, Bathroom, TWO GENEROUS BEDROOMS and A VERSATILE LOFT SPACE. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC: E



LOWER GORNAL, Barr Street
EXTREMELY STYLISH! Tremendously modernised and fully refurbished gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed traditional terrace within walking distance of the village comprising lounge, inner hallway, dining room, cellar, utility room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of satin white finish units and various appliances, two bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Delightful sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY



TIPTON, Bonneville Close
Superb, modern ground floor apartment which comprises of upvc double glazing, gas central heating and secure entrance doors, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS, bathroom, allocated parking and NO UPWARD CHAIN! EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY



PENSNETT, High Street
THIS LARGE, ATTRACTIVELY FURNISHED, FIRST FLOOR, FLAT would make the ideal FIRST TIME BUY or BUY TO LET INVESTMENT. Comprising: Sitting Room, Kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS, Shower Room, Off Road Parking, CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING. NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC D

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- UPSTAIRS FAMILY BATHROOM AND GROUND

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Whitlock Grove, Kings Heath



- Delightful Four Bedroom, Three Storey House
- Off Road Parking and Rear Enclosed Garden
- Family Bathroom and Jack & Jill Ensuite Shower Room
- EPC Rating: C

Guide Price £189,950*

Dudley Road West, Tipton



- Unique Traditional Detached Property
- Conservatory/ Sun Room
- Off-Road Parking and Garage
- EPC Rating F

Offers in Excess of £179,950*

Bhullar Way, Oldbury



- STUNNING THREE BEDROOM
- EN SUITE TO MASTER
- GARAGE AND OFF ROAD PARKING
- LOVELY AREA

Guide Price £164,950*

Newton Road, Great Barr



- THREE BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY
- DRIVEWAY, OFF ROAD PARKING AND GARAGE
- L-SHAPED DINING KITCHEN
- EPC RATING: C

Guide Price £379,950*

Marnham Road, West Bromwich



- STUNNING DETACHED HOUSE
- 4 BEDROOMS
- 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH ENSUITE

Offers invited over £379,950*

Roway Lane, Oldbury



- BEAUTIFUL SIX BEDROOM DETACHED HOME
- OFF ROAD PARKING AND GARAGE
- SPACIOUS FRONT RECEPTION & REAR DINING ROOM
- FULLY EQUIPPED KITCHEN WITH GRANITE WORKTOPS

Guide Price £299,950*

Addington Way, Tividale



- Detached Four Bedroom Property
- Two Large Reception Rooms
- All Bedrooms have Fitted Wardrobes
- Landscaped Gardens

Offers in the Region Of £294,950*

Europa Avenue, West Bromwich



- DETACHED FOUR BED HOUSE
- 2 SPACIOUS RECEPTION ROOMS
- 3 BATHROOMS
- DOUBLE GARAGE

Offers in Excess of £264,950*

Addington Way, Oldbury



- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Newly Refurbished Throughout
- Beautiful Residential Cul-de-sac
- EPC Rating C

Offers in Excess of £219,950*

Dayhouse Bank, Romsley



- DELIGHTFUL TWO BEDROOM COTTAGE
- LOVELY PRIVATE MATURE REAR GARDENS
- DOUBLE PARKING
- LOVELY PERIOD FEATURES

Offers in Excess of £169,950*

Perry Hill Road, Oldbury



- DELIGHTFUL THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOME
- GRAND OPEN LIVING / DINING QUARTERS
- REAR GARDEN WITH DECKED TERRACE
- OFF ROAD PARKING

Offers invited over £164,950*

Tyne Place, Brierley Hill



- LOVELY FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOME
- CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
- OFF ROAD PARKING AND REAR GARDEN
- EPC RATING C

Offers in Excess of £164,950*

Bird Brook Close, Darlaston



- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- NEW BUILD/ LARGE PLOT
- DRIVEWAY FOR THREE CARS
- NEUTRAL DECOR THROUGHOUT

Offers in Excess of £164,950*

Teddington Grove, Perry Barr



- 3 BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- KITCHEN AND REAR CONSERVATORY
- EPC RATING: C

Offers in the Region Of £149,950*

Bushey Fields Road, Dudley



- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOME
- LARGE THROUGH LOUNGE
- DRIVEWAY FOR FIVE CARS
- EPC: C

Offers in Excess of £149,950*

Holloway, Northfield



- 3 BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY
- EXCELLENT PROMINENT CORNER POSITION
- UPSTAIRS FAMILY BATHROOM AND SEPARATE WC
- EPC RATING: C

Guide Price £139,950*

Hurst Lane, Tipton



- Modern Three Bedroom Much Loved Home
- Detached Garage & Off Road Parking/ Rear Gardens
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- EPC TBC

Guide Price £124,950*

Hussar Court, Coventry



- ONE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED RESIDENCE
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- EPC RATING: C

Offers in Excess of £114,950*

Stone Street, Oldbury



- ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT
- FITTED KITCHEN WITH BREAKFAST BAR
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SEDGLEY Dudley Road



A truly unique luxurious family home offering a flowing living space and having easy access to the local village of Sedgley, schools and all amenities. The property briefly comprises of a grand hallway, character lounge with large walk in bay, open plan further lounge with conservatory, dining area and kitchen, a further reception room, utility room, downstairs wc and then a rare granny annexe with wet room and open plan kitchen dining area and lounge. To the first floor the master suite offers a dressing room and en-suite and the two further bedrooms upstairs also have en-suites. There is an extensive driveway to the front and a large secluded garden to the rear. EPC - C. Ordered

£360,000

DUDLEY Donnington Court



A modern and beautifully presented two bedroom GROUND FLOOR apartment. Situated in popular location nearby the sought after "Milking Bank" Development, the accommodation comprises: Secure communal entrance, hallway with two storage cupboards, an open plan lounge/dining room/kitchen, master bedroom with an en-suite shower room, double sized second bedroom and family bathroom. Benefitting from gas centrally heating, double glazing and an allocated parking space. EPC - B. Viewing is a MUST!

£102,950

TIPTON Brunel Court



This is an amazingly presented four bedroom end terraced house with accommodation briefly comprising of hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, downstairs wc, family bathroom, gardens to the front and rear and a gated driveway. The property is close to all transport links and the motorway networks and is within easy walking distance to schools, local shops and supermarkets. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer. EPC - ordered.

£119,950

OLDBURY Bhullar Way



A generous modern two bedroom Mews property in SHOW HOME CONDITION built in 2012. The property comprises entrance into living room, large modern dining kitchen with double french doors to rear garden, ground floor WC. Two GOOD SIZED bedrooms, white bathroom suite. Private rear garden with patio area and rear access. All allocated parking space. The property is close to all local amenities and motorway networks. EPC - C.

£115,000

RUSSELLS HALL Maitland Road



A LARGE two bedroom semi detached house situated on the popular Russell's Hall Estate. Having three extensions to the ground floor, therefore offering generous accommodation. Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, rear extended reception room, extended kitchen, downstairs wet room with shower and WC, utility area, two DOUBLE bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and driveway to the front. No upward chain. EPC - E

£109,950

UPPER GORNAL Tenacre Lane



Located in the popular Gornal area this extended three bedroom semi-detached property must be viewed! Having been improved by the current owners and briefly comprising: entrance hall, lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, utility, family bathroom to the first floor. Garden to the rear with patio area and large outhouses, driveway to the front. EPC - B.

£130,000

Tipton Mayhurst Close



Ideal investment opportunity! Having lots of potential this property has a lot to offer. Three bedroom semi-detached requiring a full refurbishment. Briefly comprising: entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, dining room, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway leading to a garage. EPC - ordered.

£95,000

Netherton Round Street



REDUCED BY £10,000!! Situated on a generous corner plot. MODERN FITTED KITCHEN AND SHOWER ROOM. Also benefiting from; Large lounge, two bedrooms, kitchen with integrated appliances, wet room, storage space. Outside there is a driveway to the front and gardens to the front and rear. No upward chain! EPC - E

£105,000

NETHERTON Cradley Road



This is an amazing and very well presented family home that is situated along a private cul-de-sac that is shared with only two other houses. The house briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, second reception room, dining room, downstairs wc, utility area, en-suite to master bedroom, landscaped rear garden and a large driveway to the front. The property is close to all local amenities and has easy access to motorways, excellent local shops and easy public transport links. EPC - Ordered

£250,000

Dudley Grange Court



A two bedroom purpose built apartment that is in a fantastic location within walking distance to Dudley town centre offering shops, schools leisure centre and all amenities. The property has amazing far reaching views to the rear. Briefly comprising of hallway, lounge, kitchen shower room and parking to the rear. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer. EPC - ordered

£60,000

Willenhall Waite Road



A three bedroom detached house located within easy access to all motorway networks and within walking distance to local amenities, schools and public transport. The property briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, driveway to the front and garden to the rear. Viewing is essential to appreciate the size of accommodation on offer. EPC - Ordered.

£124,950

TIVIDALE Oakthorpe Gardens



A GROUND FLOOR maisonette. Beautifully presented and having a good size conservatory. Briefly comprising: Lounge, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, white fitted shower room benefiting from a DOUBLE shower cubicle. Rear garden and allocated parking. EPC D.

£72,500

WOLLASTON Woodfield Avenue



A very well presented three bed semi detached house with views to the rear, having off road parking to the front; side alley with access to a good-sized, fenced rear garden and patio area; internally there is a lounge; large dining kitchen; downstairs bathroom/WC; upstairs WC; two double bedrooms and a further single bedroom. Central heating. No pets, no smokers. DSS considered with Guarantor, references and deposit. EPC - D

£750 PCM & fees

NETHERTON Cinderbank



A two bed mid terraced house with partial double glazing and central heating, two reception rooms and a fitted kitchen to rear. Downstairs bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Upstairs has two double bedrooms. Patio with small garden to rear, side access to garden. No pets, unfurnished, available now for long term let. DSS Considered with guarantor. EPC - D

£460 PCM & fees

DUDLEY Windmill End



A 1st floor, two bed apartment. Open plan lounge/kitchen/diner, bathroom/WC and two bedrooms off. Unfurnished, available now for long term. Dudley Bond Scheme applicants will be considered EPC - C

£450 PCM & fees

BILSTON Castle Street



A modern, two bed first floor apartment with double glazing and electric heating. Open plan lounge/diner/fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, shower/WC. Patio area to rear of flat. Unfurnished, available to view now for long term let. No DSS. EPC - D

£395 PCM & fees

RUSSELLS HALL Osprey Drive



Spacious, one bedroom ground floor apartment. Having electric heating, large lounge, fitted kitchen includes cooker, large double bedroom and bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Storage cupboard in hallway, unfurnished - available for long term rental. No DSS, no pets. EPC - D

£385 PCM & fees

DUDLEY Priory Road



A Three bed Semi Detached house with 2 Reception rooms, Separate Kitchen, 2 double bedrooms and a further single bedroom upstairs, Upstairs Bathroom and Toilet. Double glazing and central heating, large Garden to rear. Separate storage cupboard in hallway, unfurnished - available to view now. Current tenant vacating end of August. EPC - E

£560 PCM & fees

DUDLEY Churchfield



A fully refurbished 3 bedroomed terrace property, previously a corner shop, beautifully presented with lounge and separate dining room, downstairs WC and bathroom, 3 double bedrooms. Brand new fitted kitchen with cooker. Courtyard to side of property. Double glazed and centrally heated, viewing recommended. Available now for long term. Dss considered with guarantor and good references. No pet. EPC - D

£525 PCM & fees

DUDLEY Burton Road



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L200 still king of the pick-ups

By John Griffiths

It was a surprise when Mitsubishi chose to launch its latest vehicle at one of Europe's top test facilities: putting it through its paces in a series of extreme challenges normally used to spot potential problems before the car goes on sale.

Motoring writers were even treated to a quick ride around the wet handling track with Scottish rally champion Euan Thorburn at the wheel.

Ah, you might think, this is obviously a new version of Mitsubishi's legendary high performance Evo. But you'd be wrong – slipping, sliding and drifting around the track at MIRA's Nuneaton base was the company's top-selling pick-up. And this is anything but a rally car – it's a workhorse weighing nearly three tonnes.

It was part of a session to show how the new L200's four wheel drive and electronic systems transform handling, roadholding and safety even in the most difficult conditions.

This is the fifth generation of the big truck (consistently top of its class) and it is new from the ground up as Mitsubishi are determined to ensure one of its most important models stays ahead of the competition.

It has a stronger, stiffer chassis and a new engine which is more powerful yet it also offers significantly better fuel economy and lower emissions. Its four wheel drive system has been improved, it can carry more cargo and has a revised suspension system designed to give driver and passengers and more comfortable ride in its much improved cabin.

The L200 is uncompromisingly a working vehicle, popular with farmers, foresters, builders and the like but in its earlier forms it essentially established a new class of vehicle. The 'double cab' concept, which inspired plenty of imitators, was a vehicle designed for hard work during the week but with five seats and enough creature comforts to become family transport at weekends.

That was great for the small businessman as it potentially saved the cost of a second family car, and also made it popular among those with outdoor leisure interests, and even a few who liked the rough, tough image.

Terrain

As an all-rounder it has few peers. It can transport five people over the roughest terrain, carry up to a tonne in its load bay and pull a trailer with over three tonnes of cargo.

Prices start from £19,749 to £25,199 (excluding VAT) for the auto version of the flagship 'Barbarian', equipped to executive car standards with the likes of leather upholstery, alloy wheels and satellite navigation.

The basis of the new L200 is the stiffer chassis, with benefits for load carrying and safety. The new, 2,442cc turbo diesel engine is more powerful than its 136bhp predecessor, and whether you have the new 151 or 178bhp version they're the leanest and cleanest in class.

On the road, the new engine performs strongly, and is impressively quick by pick-up standards. It's mated to a new six-speed gear box which means smoother acceleration and quieter cruising.

Bearing in mind its workhorse role, you will be aware of the heavy duty suspension when lightly loaded but a revised system of leaf springs, dampers and anti-roll bars has significantly reduced the old rock 'n' roll experience.

The gearbox has a shorter, slicker action than its predecessor and it has given the L200 another advantage off-road, enabling the low ratio set of cogs to have an even lower first gear so it will climb steep and slippery slopes at tickover revs, aiding traction. The four wheel drive system has changed with a 40/60 per cent split of torque between front and rear axles, instead of 50/50, to provide more traction when you have a trailer coupled up. The vehicle's electronic stability programme also recognises when you're towing, and can reduce torque or brake individual wheels on the pick-up to make sure its trailer remains stable too.

Drivers can switch from rear wheel drive to four wheel on the move at speeds of up to 62mph, useful if you encounter wet and slippery conditions. Two wheel drive saves fuel, but in slippery conditions a lightly-loaded pick-up can become tail happy on bends or islands: the combination of four wheel drive and stability control counteracts that.

Remarkably, it's still the only pick-up able to tow on the road in four wheel drive. For extreme surfaces you can lock the central differential, but even then the electronics will brake any spinning wheel. That's comforting because the new L200 is not only nippy on the road, it's actually quite agile, too.

The rear seats have enough head and leg room to accommodate a six-footer. The interior has softer, higher quality surfaces, with features such as air conditioning, power windows and mirrors and a multi-speaker audio system with Bluetooth from the entry-level 4Life upwards. The safety package includes seven airbags, cruise control with speed limiter, ABS and brake force distribution.

The L200 was Mitsubishi's biggest seller in the UK last year, even though that was the fourth generation model and some seven years old. That augers well for the new and much-improved model. It's stronger, safer, tougher, even better off road and a highly competent tow vehicle, and in terms of economy it's the class-leader.



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Volvo XC90 qualifies for grant

Volvo's first petrol plug-in hybrid, the XC90 T8 Twin Engine, has qualified for the UK Plug-in Car Grant (PICG) scheme from the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV).

The Swedish firm's new XC90 T8 Twin Engine is now available with an on-road price of £54,955 (including PICG).

The XC90 is the first car to be built on Volvo's first in-house designed and built platform, and powered by Volvo's

new Drive-E powertrains. With a combined output of 407hp, this seven-seat SUV emits just 49g/km of CO₂, at the same time being able to go from zero to 60mph in 5.3 seconds.

Neatly

The car's platform is designed to incorporate the hybrid hardware without encroaching on interior space, with the necessary battery pack being neatly concealed within the centre console. The Drive-E powertrain in the XC90 utilises both a 320hp petrol engine and 87hp electric motor.

The Plug-in Car Grant (PICG) has

been designed to encourage manufacturers to decrease the level of outputted CO₂ exhaust emissions.

To achieve this, hybrid vehicles must emit less than 75g/km, a minimal travelling range of 10 miles and must reach a speed of at least 60mph.

Companies choosing the XC90 T8 Twin Engine can benefit by writing down as much as 100 per cent of the cost against their income tax liability.

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Fashionable sense with Mokka SUV

Commercial feature

Small Crossovers should be fun and fashionable but that doesn't mean they can't also be versatile, capable and practical too. Like Vauxhall's little Mokka? Perhaps.

Mokka buyers are people likely to be enthusiasts for life rather than for cars. So they may not care that this car isn't quite as sharp and wieldy as a rival Nissan Juke, nor does it have the 'big SUV' polish of a comparable Skoda Yeti. Instead, there's a potentially pleasing compromise between the two.

Under the bonnet, there are three main engine options, the most affordable, as ever, being the least desirable of the trio, the 2WD-only 115PS petrol 1.6-litre variant which, with only 155Nm of torque, needs to be rowed along a little with the gear lever – a stick that only offers you five speeds.

A better bet for petrol people is the Mokka we tried, the 140PS 1.4-litre turbo. Sixty is just 9.4s away on route to 118mph, so it's usefully more rapid, and there's a healthier 200Nm of torque.

Despite all this and the optional inclusion of 4WD, the provision of a 6-speed gearbox and more modern mechanicals mean that this pokier 1.4 is actually cheaper to run than the feebler 1.6.

The most practical engine choice though is the one most buyers will probably select, the 130PS 1.6-litre CDTi diesel capable of a top speed of around 119mph and rest to sixty in around 10s.

You get all the main mechanical choices with this unit – so you can specify your car with 6-speed manual or automatic transmission and with or without 4WD.

Perhaps more importantly, you get a lot more pulling power – 300Nm in all. Every Mokka is theoretically capable of towing a braked trailer of up to 1200kg in weight, but this diesel variant is the only one that'll really take such a task in its stride.

This Mokka sets its own course amongst small Crossovers. Though supermini-based, like a Nissan Juke, it's nearly as big inside as a family hatch-style Crossover like Nissan's Qashqai. But whatever your thoughts about this car's size, you'll probably agree that the way this Mokka looks goes a long way towards selling it. Cute and individualistic without being wilfully outlandish in the manner of a rival Nissan Juke.

Not too long ago, it was hard to think of a more conventional brand than Vauxhall. But that was then. Here's how the company is thinking now: looks a lot more appealing doesn't it?

True, this isn't the sharpest handling car of its kind but its as good as it needs to be. Nor is it as affordable as some might expect – but that's only an issue if your comparison is with something smaller, much less well equipped and probably more feebly powered.

Look clearly at what you actually get for what you actually pay and the Mokka makes fashionable sense. With styling and size almost perfectly pitched, it's practical, well equipped, affordable to run and, in 4x4 form, seasonally capable too. A car with an appeal that builds as your interest in it grows. The kind of car Vauxhall needs to make.

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Honda UK has announced that the all-new Honda Jazz subcompact hatchback will be priced from £13,495 on-the-road for the entry-level S model, rising to £17,425 for the flagship EX Navi CVT model. Competitive PCP options for the versatile and sophisticated new Honda are expected to start from £149 per month (5.9 per cent APR with a 30 per cent deposit), bringing exceptional affordability to the subcompact hatchback segment.

The all-new Jazz builds on the strong reputation of its highly successful predecessors. The newcomer retains the classic Jazz silhouette yet exhibits distinctive contemporary styling, including a powerful new face and strong character lines.

A new platform increases overall length by 95 mm, but highly efficient packaging means that the latest Jazz is proportionally even bigger on the inside than the previous generation model. Occupants will benefit from both boot space (354 litres with the rear seats up and 897 litres with the rear seats down) and passenger space that are unrivalled in the class. The all-new Jazz offers exceptional versatility, retaining Honda's highly practical Magic Seat system which allows for numerous cargo configurations and a maximum interior loading length of an impressive 2,480 mm.

Specifications are generous across the range, with base-grade S models fitted as standard with convenience features such as air conditioning, cruise control with speed limiter and dusk sensing auto lights. Every grade comes with Honda's City-Brake Active to help avoid low-speed accidents.

The mid-grade SE model, priced from £14,595, adds front and rear parking sensors, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors and 15" alloy wheels. Honda's Driver Assistance Safety Pack is also included, giving owners the extra reassurance of five advanced active safety aids.

Those opting for the top-grade EX model (from £15,715) will appreciate smart entry and start, automatic climate control and six-speaker audio upgrade. Styling is enhanced with 16-inch alloy wheels and front fog lamps.

Customers opting for the SE or EX models will also benefit from the Honda Connect in-car infotainment system as standard. This Android-based system features an app-based 'pinch, swipe and tap' interface accessed on a seven-inch touchscreen in the centre of the dash.

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Honda Connect comes with pre-installed apps, with others available for download from the Honda App Centre. These give rapid access to internet-based services such as web browsing, real-time traffic information, news and weather, social media, and internet music stations.

Integrated Garmin navigation is available as an option on SE and EX models.

Designed and engineered to achieve a five-star Euro NCAP rating, every all-new Jazz sold in Europe will be equipped with Honda's City-Brake Active system as standard. SE and EX models will be fitted with Honda's Driver Assistance Safety Pack, which uses radar sensors, plus forward- and rear-facing cameras. This comprehensive suite of active safety technologies includes Forward Collision Warning, Traffic Sign Recognition, Intelligent Speed Limiter, Lane Departure Warning and High-beam Support System.

A new, highly efficient, highly responsive 1.3 litre i-VTEC petrol engine from Honda's Earth Dreams Technology series delivers 102 PS at 6,000 rpm. This power unit delivers the sprightly driving performance of the previous Jazz's 1.4 litre engine, together with fuel economy equivalent to its 1.2 litre.

Combined with either a six-speed manual gearbox or a newly developed CVT, emissions are as low as 106 g/km of CO₂. The CVT's driveability is given a more natural 'multi-gear' feel through the use of new control software exclusive to Europe which simulates seven speeds and provides optimised gear change mapping.

Leon Brannan, head of cars at Honda UK, commented: "Now in its third generation, Jazz continues to evolve its unique blend of quality, compact exterior dimensions and class-leading interior space. And, with highly competitive list prices from just £13,495 and very affordable PCP packages from £139 per month, we are expecting strong demand for the all-new Jazz."

"The all-new Jazz signals the fourth of five new and refreshed models for Honda in Europe in 2015, an exciting year in which we're boldly re-energising the brand. The Jazz is a world car that has now sold over 5 million units since it was introduced in 2001. The greatest strength of Jazz is its broad appeal to different customer segments, and we're confident this latest generation will only broaden that appeal."

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Dudley MBC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Adoption
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• Dudley MBC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule
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• Dudley CIL Adoption Statement (July 2015)
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PAT 5ft 2ins, medium build, attractive, blonde hair, widow, seeking N/S, sincere gent for friendship and days out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416057

ALICE 36, tall and slim with long brown hair, outgoing and sporty seeks funny, intelligent guy to share active days and cosy nights. Age/looks not important. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416087

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Stour loss as battle to avoid drop heats up

Sutton Coldfield 1st XI 81-3
Stourbridge 1st XI 78-10
Sutton Coldfield win

THE battle to avoid relegation is heating up with just seven weeks of the league cricket remaining.

Eastnor on 97 holds up Division Two, Stourbridge next up are on 111 points and Brewood are safe in third from bottom on 121 points.

Stourbridge, away to Sutton Coldfield, were beaten by seven wickets after another batting failure.

Put into bat Stour's No.6 Jitesh Jivan-Patel top scored with 31 runs off 47 deliveries.

Dan Child's pacey spells bought him three wickets for 10 runs; Equally venomous James Hunt bagged all four Stour top order for 22 off his 12 overs.

Skittled out by arguably by the best attack in the Division, Stour's dejection continued official turning down a close LBW shout off Jivan-Patel's first delivery to Jack Smith.

Sutton Coldfield placed second and in contention for Division Two honours overcame Stour's strong challenge with very little to defend. Three wickets down the home side romped to victory in the 15th over.

Opener Lewis Harrison prevented Stour penetrating scoring 31 off 35 balls. He and No.3 Lee Thomason (20) put on 38 to maintain their team's strong hold.

A heavy shower threatened the inevitable outcome but the summer sun spoiled Stour's possible escape. Junad Afzal captured the three wickets to fall for 31 runs off 6 overs.

Lambert has hopes of call up for country

NEW Albion forward Rickie Lambert is hoping to follow up his promising start to life at The Hawthorns – with a recall to the England squad.

The 33-year-old, who scored a brace on his debut at Bristol Rovers just hours after signing a contract on Friday, insists he can prove the doubters wrong and add to his 11 caps.

On an England recall, he said: "That is something in the future. I will never give up and with my character and my personality, that's something no-one would expect me to do."

"You just have to believe in yourself and hopefully, if I have a couple of seasons like I did at Southampton there is no reason why I can't get back in there. It is only two years ago I scored 15 and then 13. I've just got to get back to that now."

Much activity to be ready for season

LAST season saw Old Hales first team placed fifth in a very competitive National 3 league.

Apart from three games that should have been won, the squad were close to a playoff position.

The club presentation dinner on July 3 marked the season and its successes.

The award winners included first team forward, Tom King as most improved player, centre Carl Robinson as best and fairest player and Director of Rugby Gary Cox for overall services to the club.

The club as a whole had a successful season. The Colts showed promise with a young side developing well and looking good for the new season.

A Mini/Junior section under the continued Chair-

manship of John Wragg, continues to flourish and Ollie Taylor takes the role as club coaching co-ordinator to enable the best quality coaching support to our developing youngsters.

The club has seen a lot of development during the closed season including a new training surface costing more than £60,000 which has been prepared over the last 18 months.

This provides a long awaited all year round training surface, with floodlights, for the whole club to benefit from this coming season.

With joint working between the Rugby Section and the Association, the house and grounds have seen investment, including a mezzanine floor in the

entrance lobby and money invested in ground and building uplift.

On the Rugby Committee, Ian Bullock remains as Chairman with Tim Sherrey as Secretary and Tony Crocombe as Treasurer.

On the playing front Gary Cox continues as Director of Rugby with Dan Grant taking over as First Team Manager supported by Simon Hussey.

If anyone is interested in supporting the club either on or off the field they should visit the Old Halesomians RFC Pitchero website and make contact with the relevant official or contact the club on 01562 883036

Brittany's a splash hit with fourth win

SWIMMING sensation Brittany Horton produced a personal best to win her fourth consecutive title at the British Summer Championships.

The 16-year-old, from Brierly Hill, recorded a time of just over one minute and one second in the final of the 100m backstroke.

Horton, who represents City of Birmingham Swimming Club, finished in joint first place despite competing in the 17-18 age bracket at the championships which were held in Sheffield.

Team-mate Chloe Finch, 17, from Rowley Regis, also tasted swimming success at the contest after claiming the silver medal in the 200m freestyle.

Horton is due to fly out to New Zealand next month to contest the Youth Commonwealth Games.

And she admits her fourth national title is the perfect preparation as she prepares to join up with Team England.

"I am absolutely delighted to have won," she said.

Personal

"I really didn't expect to. Competing against girls that are older than me, I went into the race thinking more about my time than a place. But when I realised I'd finished in joint first place with a personal best I was over the moon."

"It was the perfect result because all my training is being geared to me hitting top form in New Zealand."

"That is my main aim, I'm really looking forward to the Youth Commonwealth Games."

"But to claim a fourth straight national title was amazing. It really wasn't something I was expecting which made it even more pleasing."

Horton is now gearing herself up for four weeks of intensive training before she jets off to the Youth Commonwealth Games where she will compete in the 50m, 100, and 200m backstroke.

"The majority of the next four weeks will be spent in the pool or in the gym," she said. "I know there is a lot of hard work ahead but I'm looking forward to it all."

"It's such a great opportunity to be able to go out and compete in New Zealand that I'm going to make sure I give it everything I can."



Brittany Horton, left, won the 100m backstroke while Chloe Finch took silver in 200m freestyle

Carl Grosvenor, from Cannock, Horton's coach at Birmingham Swimming Club, added: "Brittany did fantastically well to claim her fourth national title. She produced a performance that we were expecting

from her once her training programme is complete.

"It bodes really well because her focus has always been the Youth Commonwealth Games."

Bright boy steals the show to give Wolves edge

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett believes young match-winner Bright Enohakhare is ready for senior football after the 17-year-old's wonder goal at Doncaster.

Jackett's team ended their pre-season campaign on a high by edging a seven-goal thriller at Keepmoat Stadium.

Several fringe players impressed during the victory, giving Jackett a poser as he finalises his team for this Saturday's league kick-off at Blackburn Rovers.

But Enohakhare stole the show with a glorious individual winner, taking on three players before slotting home. Jackett said of the Nigerian teenager: "It was a great individual goal and I'm very pleased with him."

"He looked strong and around the box he's always going very direct."

"He's done very well, out of the young players he physically looks the strongest and going into the Championship you do need to be strong and have power through your team."

"He's had a good pre-season. He's still eligible for our youth team, we'll see what he can do this year but his appetite, his desire, his commitment to win the ball back, the physical nature of his game, does suggest he could do something in senior football this year."

Winger Jordan Graham also got on the scoresheet and Jackett said there were 'horses for courses' options for his squad.

"I think I know where we want to be. I think I know where we want to be as a club as well," he said.

"It's going to be a long season."

Manny has his sights set on the big time

CRADLEY Heath's Manny Zaber is thinking big as he looks to make himself known as a mini-Mike Tyson in professional boxing, writes *Craig Birch*.

The lightweight from Old Hill takes part in his second paid bout at the Banks's Stadium, Walsall on Friday September 4.

The 20-year-old turned over with a shutout points win over the much-travelled Qasim Hussain at Bedworth Civic Hall in June.

But the confident Zaber, another product of the unlicensed circuit, believes that performance barely scratches the surface of what he can do.

He said: "I boxed well that night and got the win."

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Sinclair puts down mark with hat-trick

Forest 3 Villa 3

WINGER Scott Sinclair was at his sparkling best for Villa with a hat-trick in their pre-season friendly at Nottingham Forest.

Sinclair, so often unable to pin down a starting place under boss Tim Sherwood, made a strong claim for inclusion in seven days' time.

Villa will kick off their Premier League campaign at new-bos Bournemouth with Sherwood, no doubt, telling them they must defend better.

Sinclair's treble put the claret and blues in control, after Forest striker Dexter Blackstock broke the deadlock inside the first 30 seconds.

There was a glut of late goals what went against the visitors, with strikes from captain Henri Lansbury and Kelvin Wilson snaring a draw.

Jose Angel Crespo and Jordan Ayew were handed their first starts for Villa, while latest signing Jordan Veretout was among the substitutes.

Carlos Sanchez was also back into the fold, after an extended break due to his involvement with Colombia in the Copa America.

Striker Rudy Gesteira was left out of the match-day squad, having only completed his move from Blackburn Rovers on Friday afternoon.

Villa had barely drew breath before Lansbury's defence-splitting pass released Blackstock, who slotted under goalkeeper Mark Bunn.

Bunn was called into action 10 minutes later, diving to his left to tip away Jamie Ward's half-volley although the linesman had already flagged for an infringement against Blackstock.

Villa battled back and equalised in the 21st minute, when Jordan Amavi's ball from the left hand side was headed home by Sinclair.

Runner Baljit has to travel to Ireland to find a challenge

AFTER a flurry of activity last weekend this week was almost a blank calendar for athletes from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club.

With nothing local to choose from anyone looking for a race was forced to travel some distance to pull on the blue hoops and toe the start line in a competitive event.

With races in such scarce supply there was only one lone club representative in action.

Baljit Watson, travelled across the sea to Ireland to compete in the Dublin Half Marathon.

This 13.1 mile race doubled as the Irish National Half Marathon Championships taking in some of the Irish capital's major sights.

The race passed the famous Ha'Penny Bridge, Christ Church Cathedral and the St James' Gate home to the world famous Guinness Brewery and finishing in vast Phoenix Park.

Having passed the 10k mark in 1.06.11 Watson went on to complete the course in 2.06.04 finishing in 2,575th place overall and 812th female.

Albion move felt right, says Rickie

RICKIE Lambert has revealed he checked-in at Albion because 'it just felt right at the beginning'. The forward had offers from other clubs but insisted there was barely a choice to be made once he learned of Tony Pulis' interest.

After notching a double on his debut at Bristol Rovers, the forward said: "There were a few interested but from the get-go Albion just stood out. "I had known about it for a few days. Speaking to my family, speaking to everyone involved - and the manager Tony Pulis - it just felt right from the very beginning."

"After speaking to Tony, I felt like it was something I needed to do."

Football

"I think it can be good for me and I think it could be good for them."

While he wants to get back to scoring goals, the striker insists he is feeling no extra pressure.

He added: "I always feel like I have a point to prove to myself that is always the biggest drive for myself and it will carry on that way."

"That is why it was a big decision and why I made the decision to get back playing football and trying to score goals."

"That is what I play football for and why I like

playing football." Lambert was so eager to sign and get minutes under his belt that the player and club sped up the finalising of his deal, which was completed on Friday.

"On Thursday night I did not think it was going to happen (the Bristol game)," he said.

"We kind of both speeded it up so I could be involved."

"Obviously it being my old club I have some fond memories there and to get some minutes under my belt."

"I have not played a lot in pre-season so I thought it was important to push it through and get some minutes I feel good for it."

BRIGHT STRIKE SEALS VICTORY

Doncaster 3 Wolves 4

WOLVES ended their six-match friendly campaign by edging a seven-goal thriller at The Keepmoat.

Days after an equally entertaining derby draw at a raucous Molineux, this was a pretty satisfying way in which to sign off before the serious stuff begins at Blackburn on Saturday.

Let's get the negatives out the way first. Some shoddy defending led to Doncaster scoring two goals from corners - with centre halves Richard Stearman and Kortney Hause culpable - a week after Shrewsbury's goal in the 1-1 draw at Greenhead Meadow came from the same source.

Doncaster's third goal was one for the goalkeeper blunders reel, with Aaron McCarey taking liberties with a back-pass and letting Nathan Tyson in to score.

And Jack Price picked up an ankle knock late on - Wolves' first injury sustained during a match this pre-season, but hopefully not a serious one.

Positive

On the flip side, Wolves looked sharp in possession and brisk on the counter-attack.

Wolves, after their second successive slow start, took the game to Paul Dickov's side and were rewarded with four goals.

Former Walsall defender Andy Butler nodded Doncaster in front but Wolves responded within two minutes when Afofe tapped home from Scott Golbourne's inswinging delivery.

Two more goals followed in the next 15 minutes with Wolves in their most purple patch of pre-season.

Dickov's right wing cross dropped perfectly to Graham who couldn't miss, and then Hause glanced in another Golbourne corner - perhaps Bakary Sako's set-piece replacement has been discovered, if not his left-wing successor - to make it 3-1.

Wolves let their lead slip either side of the break - Rob Jones and Tyson taking advantage of those defensive lapses. But then there was Bright Enohakhare. The well-built Nigerian striker doesn't look 17. And he doesn't play like it either, scoring a sensational winner.

It's hammer time for Heathens



Max Clegg with Heathens colleague Mike Neale.

Picture John Hippkins

CRADLEY are expecting the biggest crowd of the season when they host the showpiece Golden Hammer individual event at Perry Barr next Wednesday at 7.30pm.

The event, in association with Dudley Stroke Association, is expected to pull in thousands of fans from throughout the region with arguably the strongest line-up since the meeting was relaunched five years ago.

Heathens skipper Max Clegg will face a stern test in Cradley's individual meeting, with some of the top riders in the third tier such as Bradley Wilson-Dean, Adam Ellis and Zach Wajtknecht featuring as well as former Heathens ace Ashley Morris. Admission is £13 for adults

and £10 for concessions, and Heathens season tickets are also valid for a busy evening featuring 20 races.

With large numbers expected to be cheering him on, Clegg has revealed his desire to overcome a tough field and follow in the footsteps of Lewis Blackbird and Steve Worrall to become the third successive home winner of the Hammer.

"It's one of the biggest meetings of the season, so I'd obviously love to win it," Clegg said. "I've been riding well recently and I'm feeling confident, so hopefully I can carry that on next week. I've ridden in it a few years now so I know how big it is."

Scorecard 'flattered opponents'

HALESOWEN skipper Rich Brooker says Saturday's scorecard flattered Eastnor after seeing his side claim a winning draw.

Brooker's side put in a powerhouse batting display with openers Ed Kilbee and Ben Stebbings in fine form to notch 82 and 83 respectively.

They went on to score 364-6 from their 55 overs, securing four league batting points along the way.

Jack Myers dug deep for the visitors with an unbeaten 59 in the middle order as they held out towards the end for 199-7.

Brooker himself took three wickets for Halesowen with one each for Eddie Rhodes, Dan Jeavons, Faisal Shahid and Tarryck Gabriel.

Said Brooker: "Some late hitting in the last few overs by Eastnor made it look closer than it really was."

"A very good innings from both openers (Kilbee and Stebbings) set up the innings allowing us to score quickly at the back end."

"Although we did not get off to the start we wished to have in the field, two wickets in two balls brought the game back under control with Eastnor never threatening the winning draw score."

And Halesowen Chairman Richard Evans is pleased with the continued improvement of the side.

He said: "I'm delighted with the team spirit and the change in fortunes."

"The team appears to be developing into what we hoped for at the start of the season."

Halesowen are back on the road this Saturday when they head to Brewod with the seconds in a tasty local derby with Old Hill at Seth SomersPark with the game starting at 12.30pm.

Gelder comes close but loses on points

DUDLEY'S Jamie Gelder pushed Nathan Decastro close but was outpointed by a round in their rescheduled bout on Saturday night, writes Craig Birch.

Gelder was defeated 39-38 at Leeds United Football Club, in a fight that had to be postponed for seven days.

They were ready to step into the ring the previous weekend at the Stoke Rochford Hall in Lincolnshire but rioting spectators caused it to be rescheduled.

The 23-year-old middleweight was previously stopped twice in the first round last winter, although he cried foul through injury and low blows. The Decastro loss makes it six straight defeats.

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